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Tourism and trade could be cut off

US threatens blockade to topple Castro

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THE Clinton Administration increased the pressure on Fidel Castro last night when a senior official said that a blockade of Cuba was an option for the United States unless its communist government moves towards democratic reform.

The threat was made by Leon Panetta, President Clinton's new Chief of Staff, as boat people continued to flee from Cuba in record numbers in spite of last Friday's ban on automatic asylum in Florida.

It was not immediately clear if Mr Panetta was suggesting a total air and sea blockade, which would mean cutting off all trade and tourism, and risk confrontation with Mexico, Canada, Brazil, Spain and other countries with long-standing connections with Havana.

Any curtailing of tourism would seriously damage the regime, since it is one of the main sources of foreign exchange. In the past year 600,000 tourists, mainly from South America, Spain and Britain have visited Cuba and Havana is relying on reaching a target of 1.5 million visitors within the next two years.

A naval blockade, which would not affect flights or tourism, would be less controversial.

Mr Panetta, asked during a television interview about a blockade, said: "That's obviously one of the options that we would look at in the future as we see whether or not Castro begins to make some legitimate movements toward democracy."

Explaining the new policy, which has been developed in haste to halt the flow of refugees, Mr Panetta said the United States was committed to fostering democracy in Cuba as well as to ending the wave of illegal emigration by flimsy boats, rafts and inner tubes.



Panetta: US committed to fostering democracy

"We're engaged in both right now," he said, emphasising that Washington would not tolerate any replay of the Mariel exodus of 1980, when 125,000 Cubans, including criminals and the mentally ill, reached the US with Dr Castro's encouragement.

Pressure had to be kept on Dr Castro because the refugees were being driven out by troubles within his regime, Mr Panetta said.

In addition to denying asylum to Cubans, the Clinton Administration has also cut off remittances of dollars, curtailed charter flights, increased US government broadcasts to Cuba and will seek condemnation of human-rights violations at the UN.

With trouble in Haiti still unresolved, Mr Clinton now faces volatile reactions in an area of the Caribbean that Washington traditionally regards as its backyard. Halting the cash flow to relatives has upset many in Florida's Cuban-American community of 600,000.

Since the post-1989 collapse of Cuba's subsidised trade ties with the former Soviet bloc, Dr Castro has become increasingly dependent on imports from expensive alternative sources. The country's domestic production has fallen so much that economists estimate that 51 per cent of its internal needs are now met by imports, making the island extremely vulnerable to tougher sanctions or a blockade.

By being denied access to markets in the US, Cuba must pay increased transportation costs to evade the 30-year-old embargo, importing products from Canada and countries around the Caribbean basin such as Panama and Colombia. But since 1989, Cuba's imports have dropped by 70 per cent and oil imports by 50 per cent. Prices of basic goods have risen more than 650 per cent in the last three years as the Cuban peso has collapsed in value against black market dollars now flowing in from Miami.

There is momentum within the Clinton Administration to establish equivalency in the treatment of Cuba with Haiti, which is under a blockade to try to drive its military junta from power.

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ABDELHAY SENNA



Zairean troops firing over the heads of refugees fleeing Rwanda as they beat them back across the bridge over the Ruzizi river yesterday

Refugee flood follows French withdrawal

BY SAM KILEY
AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of terrified Hutu refugees yesterday tried to follow departing French troops out of Rwanda to safety in Zaire. They were forced back by Zairean troops firing into the air at a closed river border crossing.

The main crossing over the Ruzizi river was closed because of fears that the town of Bukavu would be overwhelmed by refugees. Yesterday thousands of desperate people — mainly Hutus in fear of reprisals by the victorious Tutsis — pushed aside Ethiopian United Nations peacekeepers at the bridge only to be blocked by Zairean troops beyond.

The refugees stampeded back across the bridge and regrouped to rush it again, only to be repulsed by Zairean forces firing in the air and training machineguns on the crowd. A few managed to swim across, cheered on by those on the other side.

In Kinshasa, the Zaire capital, the government called for an infusion of foreign aid to prevent Bukavu becoming stripped bare by refugees who are already facing an epidemic of dysentery.

"If the international community pays enough heed to the gravity of the situation, Zaire may review its position," it said. "It is not because of a surge of xenophobia that we closed the border, but because we have serious logistical problems."

Bukavu is host to about 360,000 Rwandan refugees, 40,000 of whom arrived last week. At the weekend about 2,500 an hour were crossing at Ruzizi. But when the barricade was set up many families became separated. Mothers, parted from their children after a week-long trek through Rwanda's mountains from Gikongoro, where most of the 800,000 refugees in the safe zone were living, wept and screamed as they saw their children disappear in the crowd.

Patrick Fuller, a Red Cross spokesman, said that after lengthy negotiations the border was opened yesterday afternoon at a second bridge 12 miles away. But the crossing would be sealed at night.

Ethiopian and Ghanaian peacekeepers have failed to win the confidence of the Hutu refugees in the safe zone, who have been terrified by an announcement from Kigali that the Rwandan Patriotic Front would enter the zone after the French leave. Hutu tribesmen are suspicious of the slender and thin-nosed Ethiopians who resemble the Tutsis.

Yesterday the new UN mission in the safe zone got off to a disastrous start as Ethiopian troops stood by helplessly as missiles and abuse were hurled at them by the fleeing Hutus.

Nina Winquist, spokeswoman for the International Committee for the Red Cross, said: "If this is the first indication of what will happen in the southwestern region with the withdrawal of the French, it doesn't bode well."

The Ethiopians were anxious to win the confidence of the Hutus and insisted that they would not try to stop people crossing to Zaire.

"Our mandate is to respect the wishes of the people. We have no mandate to open fire, not even in the air. We are with the people," said one.

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Atherton tells how the publicity hurts

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

MICHAEL Atherton, England's cricket captain, who twice fell foul of the match referee, Peter Burge, during the series with South Africa, is to spend the next few days thinking over his future.

After England had levelled the series with an eight-wicket win at the Oval yesterday, Atherton revealed how deeply he had been affected by media criticism and by the fines imposed on him.

"Even if people say they don't, everyone reads the papers and hears the criticism," he said. "It hurts, and at times we wonder whether it's all worthwhile. I've learnt a considerable amount over the last three weeks or so — about myself, and about the way people treat you.

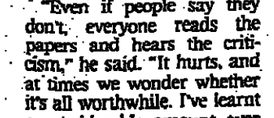
"If I, the selectors and the team think the best way of being successful in Australia this winter is for me to be captain, then the likelihood is I will carry on. But if it becomes a burden, if every move I make is scrutinised and criticised, and it's going to affect our chances, then that's something I will have to weigh up."

Atherton refused to resign after the "dirt in the pocket" affair at Lord's, and it would be a surprise if he buckled as a result of the £1,250 fine imposed at The Oval for dissent at an umpire's decision. He still has the support of Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, who will announce the captain for Australia on Thursday. The Oval crowd yesterday gave Atherton a standing ovation after his innings of 63.

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Lib-Dems planning a top tax band of 60 per cent

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE two main opposition parties are set to fight the next general election on dramatically different tax proposals.

The Liberal Democrats will this week unveil plans to impose a 60 per cent rate on those earning more than £100,000 and a 50 per cent rate over £60,000. This contrasts starkly with Labour's strategy protecting middle-income earners and lowering the burden for those who have been penalised most by Tory tax increases.

The Lib-Dem proposals, which include lifting the National Insurance contribution ceiling, are similar to those put forward by Labour at the last election. But Tony Blair, the party leader, and Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, have made clear that Labour will not make the same mistake at the next election.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, plans to introduce three higher tax bands over a basic rate of 25 per cent. Those earning over £33,000 would be taxed at about 42 per cent, and those on £60,000-£65,000 would pay over 50 per cent tax. He also proposes to abolish the married couple's allowance and phase out mortgage interest tax relief. Both measures would affect the better off.

The plans, to be announced on Wednesday, are part of a high-risk strategy to point up differences between the Lib-Dems and the other main parties. Mr Ashdown is determined not to be unnerved by praise heaped on Mr Blair by members of his own party and intends to build a distinct policy. The Lib-Dems will now be the only party deliberately going into the next election on a platform of higher taxation.



Ashdown: announcement of tax strategy this week

In 1992 similar plans by John Smith were partly responsible for losing Labour the election, and the Lib-Dem strategy could prove suicidal to a party which already risks losing membership to the new-look Labour party.

Alistair Darling, Labour's Treasury spokesman, was astounded last night by Mr Ashdown's move. "The Liberal Democrats are obviously so desperate to come up with a new identity for them

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English IRA man guilty of bombings

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

SEAN McNulty, 26, an English-born recruit to the IRA, was convicted at the Old Bailey yesterday of having bombed oil and gas installations in the north of England.

He will be sentenced today after being found guilty of attacks at an Esso oil terminal and a British Gas depot in Tyne and Wear in June last year. Good fortune and poor research by the IRA meant little real damage was done.

The jury, which sat in a special Sunday session because one member is due to go abroad, could not agree on McNulty's alleged involvement in an attack at the oil terminal two months earlier.

McNulty, a construction worker from North Shields, Tyne and Wear, had denied conspiring with a person or persons unknown to cause explosions with intent to endanger life between January and June last year.

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Silent calls on royal phones engage MPs' attention

BY ANDREW PIERCE

SENIOR Tory MPs last night demanded an inquiry into the leak of a police investigation into nuisance telephone calls allegedly made by the Princess of Wales.

Sir Ivan Lawrence, chairman of the Commons Home Affairs Committee, said that unauthorised disclosure of a such a sensitive inquiry would shake public confidence in the police. "This case must be investigated at the highest level," he said. "If it is not, people will find it difficult to trust the police to maintain proper confidentiality. It could seriously affect the work of law and order. Witnesses will be frightened to talk to the police."

The calls, to Oliver Hoare, a millionaire art dealer who is a friend of the Prince and Princess of Wales, began in September 1992. Mr Hoare, 48, who specialises in Islamic art, called in the police in October 1993, fearing he might be a terrorist target.

The calls were apparently made on the Princess's private line at Kensington Palace, on her mobile telephone, and at the home of her sister, Lady Sarah McCorquodale. Others were made in telephone boxes near the palace. The caller was silent each time Mr Hoare answered. When in January police revealed the source of the calls, he withdrew his complaint.

A comprehensive review of communications for the royal family was made by MI5 after disclosure last year of tapes of phone conversations between the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker-Bowles and the Princess and James Gilbey. The origins of the tapes was never firmly established.

Members of the royal family were discreetly reminded of the dangers of talking on open lines and on mobile telephones. It is believed that some steps were taken to provide security for certain telephone lines.

Sir Paul Condon, Metropolitan Police commissioner, will discuss the leaked investigation, which ended in January, with senior police officers today. A full enquiry may be considered. Earlier this year police officers accused of leaking details of the bizarre nature of the death of Stephen Milligan, the Tory MP, were exonerated in an internal enquiry.

Some of yesterday's reports listed the date and time of the calls. Some were allegedly made in the early

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Ulster ceasefire rumours linked to American peace visit



Ancram: any ceasefire must be credible

BY JOHN HICKS IN BELFAST AND MICHAEL EVANS

LONDON and Dublin were highly sceptical last night about reports that the IRA was on the point of announcing an indefinite end to violence.

Some senior officers of the Royal Ulster Constabulary believe the IRA offer might make such an offer this week, but ministers appeared unmoved by the latest rumours. Past hints of a ceasefire have come to nothing.

The latest reports, emanating from Belfast, appear to be timed to coincide with a visit to Northern Ireland this week of an American peace delegation led by Bruce Morrison, a former congressman and friend of President Clinton.

Mr Morrison was responsible for helping to obtain a visa for Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, when he applied to visit the United States last year. Mr Adams hopes to make a second visit this year.

Before leaving for Belfast, Mr Morrison said: "We've continued to try to help Sinn Fein to persuade the IRA that the time has come to move from violent acts to the political arena and end the armed struggle. We hope we will be successful."

During a fact-finding visit last year by an American peace delegation, the IRA declared an unofficial ceasefire. This week's visit could provide the propaganda platform for the IRA's latest announcement.

A decision by the IRA on whether to respond positively to the peace process initiated by London and Dublin in December's joint declaration has been awaited for some time.

But British Government sources yesterday indicated that any announcement of a ceasefire, whether for three months or longer, was not expected until at least September.

Ministers were still working on a document on constitutional issues with the Irish government in time for a summit between John Major and Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, later this year.

The sources said the IRA might choose then to make an offer to put pressure on London and Dublin.

Michael Ancram, a Northern Ireland Office minister, yesterday said any ceasefire had to be "not only verifiable but credible".

Mr Ancram said the Government had made clear that "only a permanent renunciation of violence will provide the key to those who support violence entering the political process".

Mr Reynolds also last night made clear that a temporary IRA ceasefire of three or six months would not secure a role in talks for Sinn Fein.

There has been speculation that Mr Reynolds could be at odds with with Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, who has apparently ruled out a political role for Sinn Fein before the IRA permanently ends violence. However, Mr Reynolds said: "The Irish government position is as always that all parties should put behind them the use of violence as an instrument to [achieving] political objectives."

Mark Durkin, chairman of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, said that the reports of an imminent ceasefire were all part of the "snakes and ladders" of hope and disappointment.

William Ross, Ulster Unionist MP for Londonderry East, said any ceasefire would be an IRA ploy to gain further concessions. "I believe everyone in Northern Ireland would be right to be sceptical at anything the IRA says or does," he said.

If an open-ended ceasefire were announced and proved credible, the Government would consider scaling down the security presence in the province. A senior security source said yesterday: "Security adjustments to an IRA ceasefire will happen quickly in a bid to build up trust in the Catholic areas."

Mandarins of Whitehall 'must answer for mistakes'

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Whitehall policy-makers should be held publicly accountable for their errors in the same way as professionals in other walks of life, a cross-party think-tank said yesterday.

Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum, said that a new disciplinary body should be created to ensure that top officials are regulated by the same exacting standards applied to doctors and lawyers.

Mr Mather's call follows the disclosure that it was a mistake by unnamed Whitehall officials that led to Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, scrapping a job support scheme designed to help disabled workers.

Senior civil servants had inadvertently dropped the traditional legal protection given to disabled workers from a new European Union directive governing public supply contracts. The mistake led Mr Portillo to believe that he had no option but to terminate the concession.

Mr Mather told *The Times*: "If a lawyer made an error of this magnitude, he would be sued by his client. If a doctor botched an operation, he would face disciplinary proceedings. But in Whitehall, no one is ever held responsible for their mistakes."

He added: "Lawyers and doctors face the constant threat of negligence claims, which has the effect of concentrating the mind. But there is no equivalent discipline in Whitehall. Senior civil servants do not lose sleep out of fear that they might be held responsible for their actions."

Whitehall has been responsible for several errors in recent years, including the Lawson boom, the policy-induced recession needed to correct it, the pit closure fiasco, and the Matrix Churchill arms-to-Iraq affair. But no civil servant has ever been called to account for those errors, Mr Mather said.

Much of the blame for Whitehall's lack of accountability lay with the doctrine of ministerial responsibility, whereby ministers are supposed to take the blame for any mistakes made by their officials, Mr Mather said.

But the doctrine was clearly obsolete, as no minister had resigned since Lord Carrington stepped down as Foreign Secretary over the the Falklands War in 1982. "Nor should ministers resign every time a civil servant makes a mistake. The turnover of ministers is already too high," he said.

Mr Mather insisted, however: "Someone should be held responsible when things go wrong. The system of institutionalised buck-passing does nothing to promote the high professional standards expected from all other professions.

"If mistakes are not owned up to, the system that generated them cannot be corrected," Mr Mather said. "If senior civil servants felt personally responsible for the policies they recommended to ministers, they would pay far greater attention to detail."

Mr Mather said that the growth of "next steps" agencies, such as the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency and the Passport Agency, had witnessed a new ethic of responsibility emerge in the executive fields of government, which had led to considerable improvements in efficiency and productivity.

He added, however, that the core of Whitehall policy-makers had remained aloof from this development.

GLENN HARVEY



The Princess of Wales driving Oliver Hoare back to Kensington Palace at 11pm on March 14 after dining with friends

Silent calls on royal phones worry MPs

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hours. Sir Ivan said the disclosures were disturbing. "This is a blatant breach of privacy. The press were warned they were in the last-chance saloon some time ago. They have used up far too many last chances. I hope Sir Paul Condon has already set his mind to an investigation."

Gerald Kaufman, chairman of the National Heritage Committee, which in March 1993 called for a law on privacy, said: "It may be that our recommendations have covered this case. But the Government has still not published its response." Whether or not the allegations were true, it "was a matter for the Home Office to investigate whether there had been a breach of privacy".

Scotland Yard, which refused to comment, declined to say whether a leak inquiry would be ordered. Buckingham Palace said the calls were "a matter for the police".

A friend of the Princess allegedly contacted the *News of the World* shortly before publication to offer an explanation that "very loyal and perhaps misguided staff" had made the calls.

The Princess and Mr Hoare have remained good friends. In March they were photographed driving together into Kensington Palace after dining with friends. Yesterday Mr Hoare was not at home in Chelsea where both the Princess and Prince Charles have been regular visitors. When his 17-year-old son, Tristan, arrived at the four-storey house, he said his parents had "come back from holiday but they're not here".

Mr David Evans, a senior Tory MP, said the press was justified in reporting the investigation: "Princess Diana and other royals can't have it both ways. She has used the media in the past. I am a staunch royalist, but she enjoys the good publicity and she just has to get on with the bad."

British Telecom set up a Malicious Calls Bureau two years ago: 2,500 callers have been prosecuted or given a formal police caution.

Forces' favourite hits Civvy Street

NAAFI tea, the forces' favourite brew, is being launched on the British public. The company is branching out because sweeping defence cuts have removed almost 20 per cent of its customers. The tea, an acquired taste because it is stronger than most blends, will cost £1.37 for a packet of 80 traditional-blend teabags. Loose tea will also be on sale.

NAAFI says the military history of their brew will be its main selling point. RAF pilots returning from the Battle of Britain were served a steaming cup of NAAFI tea before they were even de-briefed. It has been drunk by soldiers during every conflict the Army has fought in the past 60 years. Robert Howell, a NAAFI spokesman, said: "There is a great history to our tea and that would be used to help promote it." The tea has been blended at The NAAFI Tea Company factory in Amesbury, Wiltshire, for 73 years. NAAFI has tested the market by producing a tea to coincide with the 50th anniversary of D-Day in June. It sold more than 30,000 packs at museums and shops. Mr Howell said: "We regularly receive letters from retired servicemen asking where they can get hold of NAAFI tea. Once people get the taste for it they are addicted."

YCs to lose influence

The traditionally right-wing Young Conservatives' organisation is to have less influence in the party after a drive to boost student membership in universities and colleges. Under Conservative Central Office proposals, YCs would have fewer representatives at party conferences while student members would have more. The YCs have dwindled from 250,000 members in the 1950s to about 5,000, and senior party sources argue that resources spent on supporting them should be channelled towards the 10,000 Conservative students.

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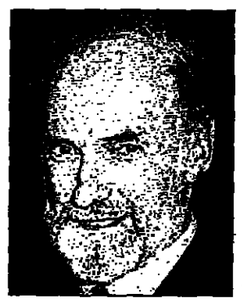
'Reform legal aid' call

Solicitors called yesterday for loopholes to be closed that allow wealthy people to qualify for legal aid. It was particularly galling to see apparently rich people getting a slice of the £1.2 billion allocated to legal aid while many people living just above the poverty line received nothing, the Law Society said. It called on the Government to reform the system so that affluent applicants should explain how they could afford their way of life, and possibly be refused legal aid unless it was clear they could not meet their own legal costs.

Women risk ill-health

Career women trying to juggle the demands of a family and a job do not realise that lack of proper meals can harm their health. Many businesswomen tend to skip regular meals, according to a survey carried out among 100 women at the top of their fields. The poll of 100 members of Women in Business, conducted for Boots and Roche, showed that 80 per cent worked through lunch when the pressure was on. They risked depriving themselves of antioxidant nutrients found in fruit and vegetables which doctors believe give protection from heart disease and cancer.

Mastermind crowned



Dr George Davidson, left, a chemistry lecturer from Bingham, Nottingham, has become the twenty-second winner of BBC1's *Mastermind*. Dr Davidson, 51, who was a contestant on *University Challenge* in the 1960s, answered questions on his specialist subject: the life and works of pioneering scientist John Dalton. He beat finalists from Sheffield, London and Liverpool, scoring 37 points.

Balloonists drop in

A hot-air balloon carrying six passengers made an emergency landing on a garden lawn in Salisbury yesterday after running out of fuel. Police and ambulance crews were alerted but no one was injured. Alan Richardson, the garden owner, said: "I was just about to take my dog for a walk when I saw the balloon and heard a voice asking me to catch a rope. I just helped to guide the balloon in to my garden. It could have hit the parapet of the house and tipped the basket over. But all ended well." The black and red balloon landed without damaging any of the flowerbeds around the 20ft-square lawn. The support team arrived soon after, topped up the gas supply and the balloon left about 20 minutes later.

Labour calls for Archer inquiry

BY ANDREW PIERCE

LABOUR has demanded that new allegations of insider dealing by Lord Archer should be referred to the Crown Prosecution Service.

The *Sunday Times* reported yesterday that the author had personally placed orders for 50,000 shares in Anglia Television, in the name of a Kurdish associate, days before a takeover bid for the company was made public.

Lord Archer's wife, Mary, is a non-executive director of the television company. The cheque for the £80,000 profit on the transaction, payable to Mr Broosk Saib, was sent to Lord Archer's address, according to the newspaper. Mr Saib used to work in Lord Archer's office.

Last month a DTI inquiry into allegations of insider trading, first reported in *The Times*, said no action should be taken against the peer.

Robin Cook, the shadow trade and industry secretary, wrote yesterday to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, to call for the investigation to be reopened.

We don't want company donations, says Brown

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON Brown, the shadow Chancellor snubbed some of Britain's leading companies yesterday by saying that the Labour Party did not want their donations.

His comments came as Labour prepared to publish tough measures to restrict corporate political donations which could result in massive losses to Conservative funds.

Over recent weeks there has been speculation that big companies such as Marks and Spencer might switch funding from the Tories to Labour.

Yesterday, however, Mr Brown made it clear that he would not encourage large company donations. "We've set down very clear guidelines and we don't want to see a system of big donations from individual companies to political parties," he said on BBC's *Breakfast with Frost*.

"We think that in a democracy the vast bulk of money must come from individuals, either giving money as donations or as members of individual political parties.

Mr Brown referred to the thousands of people who had joined the party in recent weeks, which is where most of Labour's money came from. "The question of political donations from business to the Labour Party is not of great significance to me at all."

Reports that Marks and Spencer was on the point of offering money to Labour were later heavily played down by the company. Yesterday Mr Brown said: "I don't think that Marks and Spencer is going to give money to the Labour Party. I think that was made clear by the managing director and I certainly don't expect it."



Brown: move could lose Tories millions

Several companies have approached the party since Tony Blair became leader but they have mainly been keen to quiz Labour on its policy rather than offer donations.

There is also a general reluctance in companies to donate to either party in the wake of scandals such as the Asil Nadir case, when it was disclosed that the fugitive tycoon donated heavily to the Conservatives.

Labour would also be embarrassed to accept donations while it is in the midst of preparing measures to clamp down on corporate funding. The party announced earlier this year that it intended to publish the names of any donors who contributed more than £5,000 to its funds in its annual report.

The restrictions would place severe pressure on the Conservative Party, which has a £16m overdraft.

City fears impact of rail strikes on sell-off

THE latest 24-hour strike by signalling staff starts at noon today amid growing fears about the impact on rail privatisation (Ross Tieman writes).

British Rail is aiming to run up to 50 per cent of its trains as the employers, Railtrack, step up efforts to force the RMT rail union back to the negotiating table.

City privatisation advisers are pressing for radical action to repair the damage to prospects of selling the industry caused by the disruption, now in its tenth week. They are urging the Government to introduce personal contracts for signal staff as a prelude to sweeping changes in labour relations throughout the railway industry.

BR is adamant that it would prefer a negotiated deal to end the dispute, but is preparing to ask up to 100 former signallers among its staff to help man signal boxes. Each will have to undergo a three-week refresher course to satisfy safety inspectors.

During the next 24 hours, Railtrack aims to deploy more than 350 supervisers, non-union signallers and RMT members who have returned to work.

A further 48-hour stoppage has been called by the RMT after the August bank holiday, from noon on August 30 to noon on September 1.

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Parties clash over tax options

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selves that they have adopted an absurd position on tax," he said. "If I was a Liberal Democrat I would be seriously worried. Last week they produced a half-baked policy on hypothecation. Now they are producing tax tables which have no relevance whatsoever."

The Tories are expected to cut taxes before the election, a move Labour would be unlikely to reverse. Mr Brown suggested yesterday that he intends to lower taxes for many who had suffered under the Tories. "It [Labour policy] can mean low taxation for large numbers of people who have had to pay far too much as a result of policies of this Government," he said.

Mr Brown is examining options intended to lower the tax burden. These include a 15 per cent tax rate offset by abolition of mortgage and pension tax relief. He is also considering penalising the highest earners by closing loopholes which allow some to evade tax altogether.

The Lib-Dem package will be offset by higher spending on health, education and social security. Child benefit would be increased by £5 for each family, childcare vouchers would be introduced, and an extra penny on income tax would go to education.

Mortgage tax relief would be phased out to fund improvements in housing benefit, and social security payments would be restored for those aged 16 and 17. More than 50,000 people would be taken out of tax altogether by raising the threshold, while the starting figure for higher-rate payers would be increased to about £33,000, against £27,000 now. One senior party source, who has helped to draft the proposals, said: "The top rate will be no higher than 60 per cent. We would not propose to raise the level above that which it was for most of Margaret Thatcher's time."

Mr Brown meanwhile attacked Conservative tax rises, claiming they would leave the average family £800 a year worse off from April. "The Conservatives have become the party of high taxation in this country. Labour is the party of fair taxation," he told BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* programme.

He refused to spell out Labour's tax plans, apart from hinting that many would pay lower taxes. He said the party was committed to tackling poverty through reforming the welfare state.

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Graceful solution proposed

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING figure in the art world has called for Canova's *The Three Graces* to be shared between the Getty Museum in California and British galleries, with possession of the statue swapping between them every seven years.

Sir Hugh Leggatt's suggestion might avoid legal proceedings by the owners, Fine Art Investment and Display, and the Getty Museum against the British Government, which extended the deadline of August 5 by three months for money to be raised to keep the statue in Britain.

Sir Hugh, a retired dealer and former Museums and Galleries Commissioner, said: "We are behaving as a nation very badly. We cheated."

He believes that Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, was badly advised, but that sharing ownership of *The Three Graces* would smooth relations between the two countries.

It is well-known within art circles that the Getty Museum has behaved honourably on a number of occasions in standing back to allow Britain the chance to acquire works.

John Russell, the London spokesman for the Getty Museum, said: "Sir Hugh's proposal of shared ownership — of which *The Times* has made us aware — comes at a critical time. The Getty Museum is serious in its consideration of legal action to review Mr Dorrell's decision, which he announced on August 9.

"I can assure you that Sir Hugh's suggestion is welcome and that it will be considered most carefully and positively by the Getty Museum. We trust that the V&A will be doing the same as such an arrangement could obviously only work with their full support and co-operation," Mr Russell said.

Sir Hugh said there has been a precedent for joint ownership: a collection of major pictures travels between Dublin and London.

Commenting on the delicacy of the sculpture, which some conservators say has stress cracks making it too delicate to travel, Sir Hugh said that travelling by air across the Atlantic would probably be smoother than a train journey between London and Edinburgh, as proposed by the V&A and National Galleries of Scotland, which are leading the fund-raising campaign.

Threads from his clothes convicted IRA terrorist

By Michael Horsnell

SEAN McNulty, the Tyneside-born IRA supporter with a fanatical hatred of Britain, was convicted after a painstaking investigation by police into attacks on oil and gas installations.

The evidence of two former girlfriends also condemned Sean McNulty, 26, five years after he came to the attention of Special Branch when he flew back to England from Ireland and was spotted in the company of men with links to IRA terrorism.

His targets were an Esso oil terminal and a British Gas depot in Tyne and Wear, the Old Bailey jury was told yesterday. McNulty was incriminated by circumstantial evidence including fabric fibres, a footprint and traces of explosive 100,000 times smaller than a grain of sugar.

But the most damning evidence against him was given by Amanda Johnson, 24, the mother of his nine-year-old daughter, and Susan Hunter, 34, whom he was seeing at the time the bombs were planted.

Ms Johnson said that McNulty, who had an Irish father, was touchy about his English background and told the court: "He always considered himself to be Irish."

She recalled that he began to take a close interest in terrorism shortly before the two of them went on a trip to



McNulty: touchy about English background

Ulster for a family wedding. Weeping almost continuously as she gave evidence, she recalled that they were stopped by RUC officers in a routine search. McNulty, together with the other men, was ordered to lie on the ground and she was told to get into the back of a police car. She said that once they were allowed to go McNulty seemed furious that she was still sitting in an RUC vehicle and shouted repeatedly at her to get out.

When they returned to England she noticed that McNulty began to watch television news programmes closely, especially if there were items about bombings in Northern Ireland. "He said the soldiers should not be there," she said. "He called them 'English bastards' and when soldiers were injured he would say that it served them right."

On one occasion she discovered a pile of newspaper cuttings seven or eight inches thick in his work bag, all about IRA terrorism.

Ms Hunter was with McNulty on the night of June 9 last year when one of the bombs exploded. He arrived at a pub where she was drinking, and she told the jury it may have been 10.30pm when she saw him. But the prosecution alleged that by that time the bomb had already been planted at the target, a five-minute drive from the pub.

Three days after McNulty's arrest on June 24 last year an extensive search by police and forensic scientists began at his home in North Shields.

The court was told that explosive traces were found in McNulty's car and on a jacket. Fibres were found at the scene of the last explosion which matched clothing found at his home. The jury was told that a footprint found near to a hole cut in the perimeter fence of the oil terminal was made by McNulty's right boot.

Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution, told the court it was not suggested that McNulty was involved in planting the first of the four bombs but it was alleged that he was part of the IRA bombing team.

McNulty will be sentenced today by Mr Justice Mitchell.

John Houlihan



James Russell with Michelle Potter in his production of Thespianage at the Bingley Arts Centre. James impressed critics with his talent

An actor worth his cheek

By Damian Whitworth

THE famous benefactors were absent, but everyone else was there. The whole of Bingley, it seemed, had turned out to see what the artful cadger could really do.

James Russell's cheeky begging letter to 600 showbusiness names had already secured him £15,000 of the £18,000 fees he needed for three years at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. Sir Anthony Hopkins, Timothy West and Nigel Hawthorne were among the theatrical luminaries who responded to his plea after Bradford City Council refused to consider his grant application.

At the weekend, in an attempt to raise the final £3,000, the 18-year-old took over the arts centre in his local West Yorkshire town for an evening of cabaret, entitled *Thespianage*, to prove he was worth it.

James, who displayed a strong stage presence and was in fine voice, gave mature and confident renditions of his Lamda audition pieces: the prologue to Shakespeare's *Henry V* and a speech from Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*. Then he put on his Cockney hat to belt out numbers from the musical *Me and My Girl*.

Mezzo soprano Joan Edwards and baritone James Ashworth, veterans of Covent Garden, Sadler's Wells and Opera North, performed wonderfully and free of charge, as did a group of musicians and technicians.

James said: "We haven't raised £3,000 but we've got some other things planned and I'd like to do this again next year for my friends who will be in the same position."

Explorer finds drug lords are Amazon's real beasts

By Andrew Pierce

A BRITISH explorer who pursued a legendary man-eating snake through the Amazon jungle has returned home after narrowly escaped death.

But it was drug dealers, not the giant reptile, who gave Benedict Allen his most uncomfortable moments.

They set upon Mr Allen, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and his 18-year-old interpreter, vanished, having reportedly been shot dead.

"He was a victim of the drugs wars. I was constantly looking behind me," said Mr Allen, 34, who has just returned to London after the four-month expedition to the Cocha Brava lake close to the Peruvian and Brazilian border, which is home to the supposed giant snake.

"You expect to be on your guard against wild animals, not armed drug dealers. I had to go past the drugs operation to get to the lake. My translator left me and was never seen again. The Indians said he was murdered."

Mr Allen, a former pupil of Bradfield College, Berkshire, was filming the expedition for the BBC. It will be shown in October. Mr Allen, who was the first person to cross the Amazon basin at its widest point, was on his third trip to the region. He returned after accepting a challenge from the Matses, a remote tribe of nomads. They said he should try to conquer the Cocha Brava — the wild lake — which is a tributary of the Yavari.

Three Indians have been killed there by the monster snake, according to folklore, and an entire village by the lake was abandoned because of the feared spiritual powers of the region. It meant that Mr Allen had to travel alone in the forest because no Indian guide would accompany him. "They are terrified of the so-called monster of the lake. They think the lake feeds the forest with wild animals and monkeys."

Mr Allen is believed to have been the first non-Indian to visit the lake, which is about 125 miles from the nearest village. Some local people tried to dissuade him from making the journey by offering him a 12-year-old girl as an inducement to stay.

"The lake was like Eden. It was small and exotic," he said. "It had remarkably colourful plant life. There were alligators and crocodiles, and I was stalked by jaguars." It was an attack by a herd of wild pigs on his encampment which forced him to abandon the expedition, and it was on his way back to the village that the drug dealers struck.

Mr Allen, whose father was a test pilot, became an explorer after leaving university. On his first visit to the rainforests his guides abandoned him, and his only companion was a dog. Facing starvation, he was forced to eat it.



Hayley Hallett, 19, of Crewkerne, Somerset, raises her cap to becoming the Army's youngest officer after passing out of Sandhurst military academy

Blandford's eye is still on Blenheim

THE Marquess of Blandford, denied control of his birthright of the £100 million Blenheim Palace estate, has publicly apologised to his father and family for his past bad behaviour.

The marquess, a former drug addict with a string of well-publicised convictions, including driving offences, stealing a cheque book and forging cheques, was speaking on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* yesterday.

He said: "I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to him and my family for the distress I have caused them. I respect my father enormously for what he has done for Blenheim." He added: "I am on the road to recovery. The estate trustees have said there is no reason they want to disbar me if I am of good behaviour and character."

Body Shop hits back at critics

By Robi Dutta

THE Body Shop defended its green credentials yesterday after being accused of exaggerating its policies of caring for the environment and trading fairly with the Third World.

The company said it was confident that its integrity would remain intact following claims to appear in an American business magazine. The report is expected to question the firm's use of natural ingredients, its environmental policies, quality control and franchise system. It will question the company's "trade not aid" policy, aimed at buying products from indigenous peoples in the Third World.

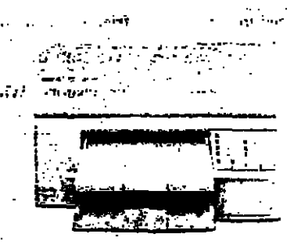
Leaked details from the report, to be published next week in *Business Ethics*, have prompted one of America's leading ethical investor firms to sell its shares in the company. The Body Shop's share price dropped 6p on Friday after revelations that Franklin Research & Development had sold all its shares in the firm.

Richard Adams, head of New Consumer, a research charity, said that only 0.1 per cent of products used by the Body Shop might qualify as being bought under fair trade.

The Body Shop said it had acted to improve its fair trade programme. A spokeswoman said: "It is important we build relationships with the communities we trade with no matter how small the volume."

The article also alleges that claims about natural ingredients are exaggerated. Its elderflower eye gel, for example, claims to protect the skin around the eye. Investigations by cosmetic consultants are said to have found that it contained a volatile alcohol included on a list of ingredients in California that can lead to environmental problems when used in cosmetics.

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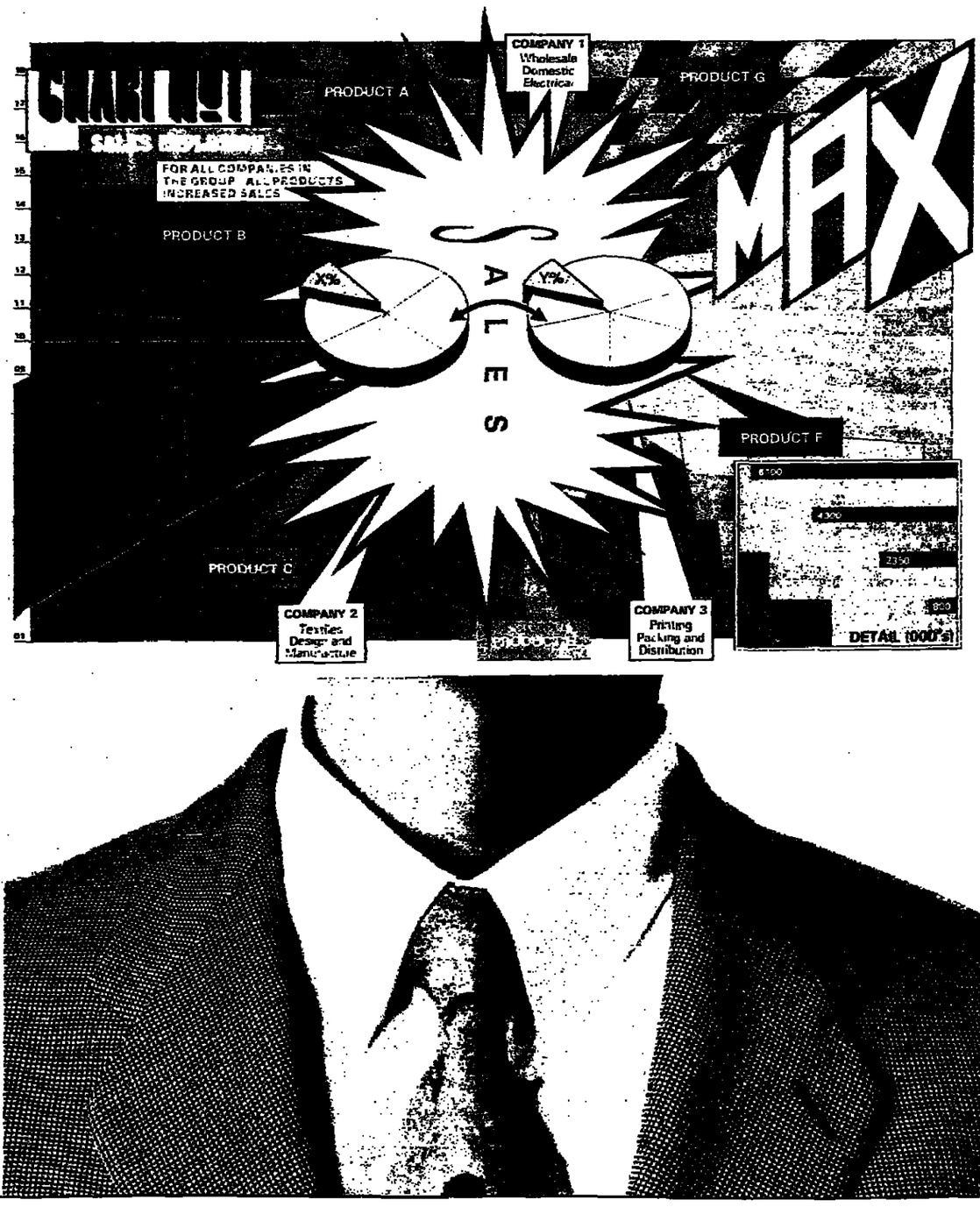
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Prison visitors told to improve watchdog role

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 1,000 voluntary prison visitors are warned today that their role in the penal system is under threat unless they become more effective watchdogs in 133 jails.

They are also told that they must become more credible in the eyes of both the 48,000 prisoners in England and Wales and with the public by highlighting problems in Britain's prisons.

A report published today is critical about the small number of black men and women on boards of visitors particularly in view of the disproportionate number of black prisoners and says those that do serve felt they were seen as an embarrassment.

"There was little evidence that black members felt their contribution to be valued. They felt that they were seen as something of an embarrassment (if they were articulate) or an irrelevance (if they were quiet)," Anne Worrall, author of the report, said.

Dr Worrall, who is a prison visitor, said: "While relationships with white colleagues on boards were congenial enough, black members experienced overt and covert racism from prison staff (and accusations of betrayal from black prisoners) and that they *neither* expected or received support from boards in challenging this." The report, published by the Prison Reform Trust, says that while most inmates are young and working class, most members of boards are over 40, with a preponderance of people who are retired or in the middle classes.

Dr Worrall's study of 100 out of a 1,800 visitors found that the single most common age category of members was between 50 and 60, with 20 out of 46 women and 17 out of 54 men who completed questionnaires being magistrates.

Most had become members of boards as a result of their existing involvement in the criminal justice system or through other voluntary work and social networks.

Many members were concerned at the quantity and quality of recruitment to Boards and were aware of the dilemma that too many tended to be "housewives and retired people".

Stephen Shaw, director of Trust, said: "The challenge to boards of visitors is to demonstrate to prisoners, staff and the public that they remain the most effective watchdog. This report is aimed at getting boards to pull up their socks."

Others in the penal system are highly critical of the boards, their membership and effectiveness. One senior figure said that too many members were easily influenced by prison governors and that members had a tendency to become closely identified with the prison and as a result were unwilling to level any criticism against it or its staff.

Another source said: "Prison visitors tend to be drawn from a certain social background. When things have gone wrong in prisons they have not been blowing the whistle.

"It has been left to Judge Tumim to put the condition of prisons and prisoners in the public eye. The boards have been around for 100 years but have been ineffective."

☐ *Have You Got a Minute: The Changing Role of Prison Boards of Visitors* (Prison Reform Trust. £3.95)



Alison Gomme, governor of Erlestoke prison: "Our image has been dreadful"

Cell block series has female touch

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

LYNDA La Plante has turned to the male-dominated prison world for her next television drama series, which will portray a woman governor in charge of an all-male high-security jail.

When the seven-part series *The Governor* is broadcast, one woman will pay closer attention than most to the plot and character of the fictitous Helen Hewitt.

Alison Gomme, the governor of Erlestoke prison at Westbury in Wiltshire, and the jail itself have provided the award-winning writer with inspiration. As part of her research, Ms La Plante spent time with Ms Gomme and visited other prisons.

Ms Gomme denies that Helen Hewitt has been modelled totally on her or her rapid rise in the prison service. But Ms La Plante admits that a meeting she had with Ms Gomme, 34, a year ago provided the spark.

Both Ms Gomme and the prison service hope the series will help to dispel some of the myths surrounding women prison governors as well as giving millions of television viewers a realistic idea of how a modern prison has to ensure security while dealing sympathetically with prisoners.

Ms Gomme, a psychology graduate, is dismissive of earlier televisinn portrayals of women governors, such as the soft-hearted heroine of *Within these Walls* played by Googie Withers or the butch officers of the Australian soap *Prisoner Cell Block H*.

She said: "The image of women in the prison service has been dreadful. We are seen as wishy-washy do-gooders or very hard and butch. Why should a governor have to be physically strong in order to manage a large institution? Some male governors are very slight."

Ms Gomme, who is divorced, was the first women to work at governor grade at Exeter and Channings Wood jails in Devon and last year became the first woman governor of Erlestoke. The prison houses about 200 men, including lifers.

Essex goes abroad for child carers

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

ESSEX, the county criticised last week for sending a young offender to a luxury holiday park, is advertising in Canada for social workers to staff an enlarged child care service.

The county has voted an extra £3 million to improve the service but cannot find enough qualified workers in Britain to run it. The council has taken advertisements in the Toronto *Globe and Mail* and hired an agent to handle applications.

Since the recruitment drive started at the beginning of the month there have been more than 100 inquiries. Mike Leadbetter, county social services director, said: "We have great hopes that this will help solve a dreadful shortage of child care workers. We have two Canadians on the staff and they have gone down a storm. They have brought an energy and a different perspective to the job."

Mr Leadbetter blames the national shortage of child care social workers on the bad image the profession has been given by cases such as the Essex boy who stole from chalets when he was taken on a holiday to CenterParcs in Suffolk.

The county's £3 million extra child care budget will provide a further 36 posts, but Essex already has 50 other vacancies in the department which it has been unable to fill. "All the social service departments are fishing in the same pond and there are just not enough qualified people to go round," Mr Leadbetter said.

Gummer scuppered by sailors

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A CLASH between conservationists and boating enthusiasts over the Norfolk Broads have left mud on the face of John Gummer, the Environment Secretary.

He has been forced to give way to an alliance of boating interests led by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) which took High Court action when he refused to reappoint their nominee, Michael Evans, a leading yachtsman, to the governing Broads Authority.

The sailors successfully claimed that Mr Gummer contravened the 1988 Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act and undermined their rightful representation on the authority by sacrificing Mr Evans for an extra member from the conservation lobby.

The Environment Department conceded that Mr Gummer had not properly consulted the RYA when he considered the latest appointments.

Mr Evans, 58, an Olympics yachting official from Wroxham, said: "It's important to maintain a balance between boating and conservation and there should be no conflict. None of the sailors wishes to sail in unpleasant conditions with no fish or trees. We are as much conservationists as navigators, but there is an important right of navigation."

Mr Evans, who has served on the Broads Authority since its inception in 1988 and is a member of the Norfolk Naturalists Trust, is expected to be renominated.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

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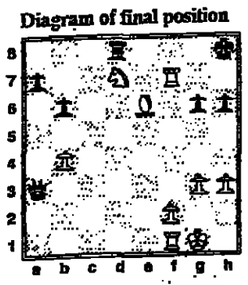
MANY of the favourites in the Lloyds Bank Masters, Britain's premier open tournament, which started at the Cumberland Hotel in London on Saturday, failed to win in the first round. Grandmasters Jon Speelman, John Nunn, Murray Chandler (all British) and Lembit Oll of Estonia were all held to draws. The Russian Grandmaster Chernin, now resident in Hungary, surged forwards with a powerful win.

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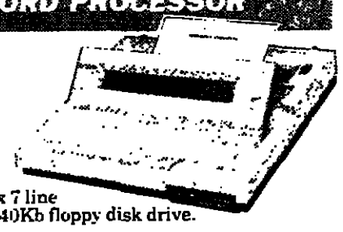
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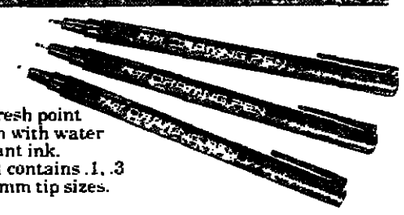
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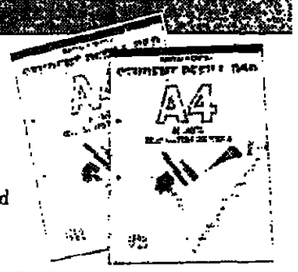
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The Times looks at two faces of modern agriculture: a management operation and a family farm

Multinationals creaming off the fat of the land

By Michael Hornsby
Countryside Correspondent

MORE than half the cereal crop has been harvested in many parts of southern England and early reports point to a bumper year. But the gains will be unevenly shared in Britain's increasingly polarised agriculture.

At one extreme are some 6,000 big farms that generate a quarter of all farm profits. At the other are about 100,000 smallholdings of less than 50 acres each that are run as little more than hobbies by people with other sources of income.

In the middle are 100,000 farms from 50 to 250 acres that are struggling to survive as viable concerns. For many the future is bleak. Their best hope may lie in partnership with land management companies or larger neighbours.

The European Union's subsidy system is geared crudely to numbers of acres and head of livestock: the bigger the holding the bigger the subsidy. Four fifths of the £2.2 billion spent on supporting British agriculture this year went to one fifth of farmers, the biggest and richest.

John Hurst is the new face of British farming, a highly trained commander in a farm management operation backed by the resources of a multinational company.

BIG BUSINESS

He is one of 25 managers employed by Booker Farming, a wholly owned subsidiary of Booker, which has a turnover of more than £3 billion in food and agricultural businesses around the world.

Booker farms and manages 54,000 acres across Britain but owns none of them. Instead the company enters into contracts with the landowners to provide services from management advice to full-scale partnership.

Mr Hurst is responsible for the 1,900-acre Normanby Estate near Scunthorpe, Humberside, owned by the Sheffield family since the late 16th century and managed by Booker since 1986.

The company runs the four farms as a single unit, provides 50 per cent of the working capital (labour and machinery) and pays the landowner a "prior charge" roughly equal to the rental that tenants would have paid. Profits are shared on a 50/50 basis after deduction of the company's management fee.

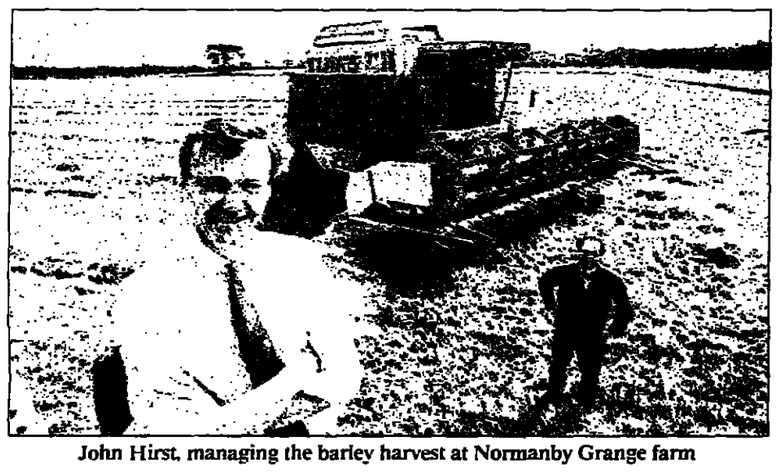
The estate consistently achieves a return of more than 25 per cent on capital invested, a ratio that most farmers can only dream about. Behind this success lie economies of scale.

Mr Hurst runs the predominantly arable estate with the aid of a foreman and three tractor drivers who double as mechanics and general repairmen.

A healthy profit last year of about £230,000, however, was not entirely attributable to more efficient use of resources, as Mr Hurst admits. Some £157,000 of the estate's income came from European Community subsidies, including payments for growing nothing on about 270 acres under the set-aside scheme.

Booker is on course to achieve a target of 500 acres per employee (including managers) by 1995 on all the land it manages in Britain, compared with 280 acres per worker only two years ago.

Yet Malcolm McAllister, managing director of Booker Farming, argues that companies such as his should not be viewed as ruthless predators. "We can offer a lifeline to small family farms by managing their land as part of a larger unit. The farmer continues to get an income and is able to stay on his land when the only other option might be to sell up," he said.



John Hirst, managing the barley harvest at Normanby Grange farm

DOUG MARKE



Mark and Marilyn Crowder with Isobel, 15, on her horse Sophie, John, 7, and James 19, who is unlikely to take over the family farm

Inheritance devalued for next generation

SMALL INDEPENDENTS

MARK and Marilyn Crowder, both in their early forties, have had only two weeks' holiday since they married 22 years ago. They took one week off for their honeymoon, which they spent in Scotland, and snatched another ten years later.

They took their second break when they unexpectedly found time on their hands while moving from a 400-acre farm where they had been tenants to take over a 170-acre family farm previously owned by Mrs Crowder's father at Torksey in the flat countryside northwest of Lincoln.

Independent small farmers such as the Crowders are an endangered species. Twenty years ago 170 acres would have been close to the average size in Britain. The equivalent figure today is about 270 acres and rising.

The Crowders brought 100 sheep and a couple of cows with them when they came to Highwood Farm. They have gradually built this livestock nucleus into a herd of 40 beef cows, a mix of Lincoln Reds and Charolais, and a flock of 400 breeding ewes.

They also grow 38 acres of barley and oats as animal feed, some of which they sell to other farmers. In general, however, the land — a mix of clay and sand — is unsuitable for crops and in any case the acreage is too small to be viable as arable land.

On a warm summer's day Highwood looks like every townDweller's dream of the rural good life. Lunch is eaten under the shade of apple trees on the lawn behind the small red-brick farmhouse. There are fresh raspberries and strawberries from Mrs Crowder's kitchen garden. The only sounds are bird calls and the buzz of insects.

In the pre-dawn hours of a freezing winter's morning the good life can look less appealing. During the lambing and calving season from January to the end of April the couple try not to leave the animals untended for more than two hours out of 24. Mrs Crowder gets up at 4am and collapses into bed at 9pm, while her husband's working day starts at 7am and ends at 2am.

"It is absolute hell", Mrs Crowder said. "But if you are not there you can easily lose a lamb and that is £40 down the drain. We get some help from our eldest son, James, but otherwise it is down to us. This year we lambed 850 ewes, including 400 on contract for other farmers, and lost only 20. If we had not worked such long hours we might have lost twice as many."

"I know nowt else but farming," her husband said. "All I can do is keep plodding on. For young chaps trying to make a start now I can see little hope. Some older farmers round here say they are glad to be old because there is no future."

James, 19, has an agricultural diploma from a technical college and would like to farm. At the moment he earns some pocket money by doing odd jobs in the neighbourhood. But if he marries, he knows that Highwood could not provide an income for two families, and these days the chance of finding a vacant tenancy is remote.

As it is, the Crowders, with two other children, Isobel, 15, and John, 7, to support, are barely able to keep their heads above water. They get an annual subsidy of about £7,000 from the European Community — small beer compared with the hundreds of thousands of pounds some big arable farmers are pocketing — but without it, they would probably go under.

For all the hardships, the Crowders would not want any other way of life. What saddens them is that they could well be the last generation of the family to earn a living from the land.

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Mystery surrounds vanishing pigeons

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

POLLUTION, cold northeasterly winds and even cometary impacts on Jupiter are being blamed by worried pigeon fanciers to explain why so many of their birds have suddenly gone missing.

Breeders are reporting that more than 50 per cent of racing pigeons have failed to find their way home in the past few weeks and some are turning to quite fanciful theories to account for the mysterious losses.

Graham Chupka, a pigeon breeder from Tilehurst, near Reading in Berkshire, said the collision of comet Shoemaker Levy-9 with Jupiter last month had interfered with the Earth's magnetic field, throwing out one of the birds' key homing systems.

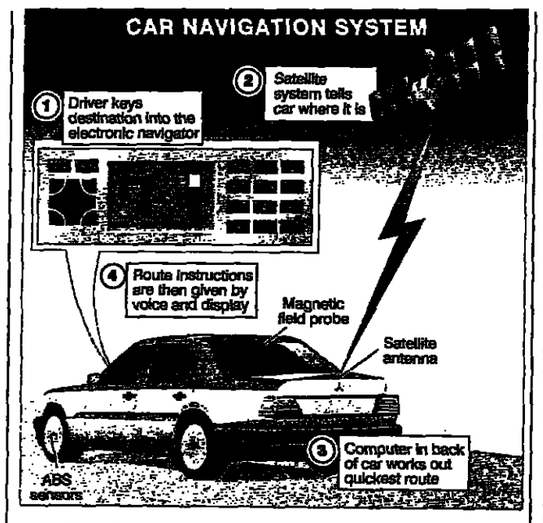
Mr Chupka said: "Nobody knows what is going on. Some of the youngsters have been very jittery when they come back." He has lost 25 of his 34 young birds and ten of his 18 adult birds, whereas last year Mr Chupka recovered all his prize pigeons.

Major Edward Camilleri, general manager of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association in Gloucester, said yesterday: "The losses appear to be much greater now than ten or 20 years ago."

Major Camilleri, a former army officer with expertise in ballistics, dismisses suggestions that the growth in radar and mobile phones is to blame because the power of modern radar systems is much lower.

His believes that a growth in traffic fumes is the key, with the pollution damaging a bird's sense of smell and making it harder to navigate. Smell, along with a sun compass and a sensing of the earth's magnetic field, are believed to be the main ways a pigeon navigates.

Raymond Hide, professor of physics at Oxford University, said: "In the last few weeks we have had a long run of hot weather and that has been affecting people's behaviour, why not birds' too?"



Right turns only for electronic navigator

By Nigel Hawkes

AN ELECTRONIC navigator that will guide drivers to their destinations without a wrong turn is about to transform motoring in unfamiliar cities.

From March next year the device will be available as an option on top range Mercedes-Benz S-class models, allowing the driver to key in a destination anywhere in Germany and be guided by voice and a screen along the best route. Each road and turning will be displayed.

The system uses navigation satellites, a magnetic compass, accurate distance measurements from the rotation of the wheels and an electronic map of the country, stored on a compact disc. A similar map of Britain is in preparation and should be available by the end of next year.

The small screen occupies the car radio slot in the dashboard and the electronic map inserted into a unit stored in the boot. An antenna in the boot lid communicates with the 24 satellites of the American global positioning system, telling the navigation computer where the car is. Once the destination has been punched in the quickest route will be worked out within ten seconds.

To avoid distracting the driver an electronic voice will give simple instructions such as "please get into the right-hand lane" or, "at the next junction, turn left". As the driver nears a junction a bar on the side of the screen becomes shorter and disappears when it is time to turn.

If a driver makes a mistake or ignores an instruction, the computer will either advise to turn around to get back to the original route or create a new route, whichever is quicker.

On a test drive at Esslingen near Stuttgart, the system guided me faultlessly to addresses chosen at random from a map, across a town I had never visited before.

The secret of the system is the combination of the GPS navigation system and sensors in the anti-lock braking system that detect the rotation of the wheels. Combined with the compass information, these can place the car at any time within a few metres of its actual position.

The system, developed in conjunction with Bosch-Blaupunkt, will cost the equivalent of about £1,250 when it goes on sale in Germany and should be available in most of the main countries of Europe and on all Mercedes models by mid-1996. Bosch will sell its own version to other car manufacturers.

In future, the system will also include traffic information so that it avoid jams.

Third death linked to 'rave' venue

A man died after collapsing in a suspected drugs-related incident at a "rave" in Ayr at the weekend, the third death linked to the venue.

Andrew Stoddart, 20, of Rigside, Strathclyde, died in hospital. Two 20-year-olds were also taken to hospital. In April two men died after taking Ecstasy.

George Foulkes, MP for Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, is writing to the Lord Advocate, Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, asking him to take action. He said that after the earlier deaths he had asked the local licensing committee to improve regulations, "but the committee did nothing".

Murder case

Two men have been charged with the murder of a Catholic in Belfast. Sean Monaghan, 20, was found shot in the head on August 14. The men, also charged with abduction and membership of the Ulster Freedom Fighters, will appear before magistrates today.

Climber killed

A man died in a fall while climbing Snowdon in north Wales. The body of David Brierley, 54, from Warwick, thought to be an experienced climber, was recovered by an RAF helicopter.

Sailor hurt

Swindon police are questioning two men after a sailor serving on the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, Perie Shiels, 22, was found with severe head injuries in Marlborough.

Gun charge

Two members of the Animal Liberation Front, Robin Webb and David Hammond, have been charged in Brighton with possessing a sawn-off shotgun and ammunition.

Jail inquiry

Gold jewellery belonging to a rapist found hanged in his cell at Parkhurst earlier this month has disappeared. Alvin Bay was serving 15 years. The jail has begun an inquiry.

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Budget changes at universities boost class sizes by 50%

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION EDITOR

STUDENTS winning a place at traditional universities this week will find themselves in classes up to 50 per cent bigger than their counterparts of six years ago, according to official figures published today.

The former polytechnics and colleges have borne the brunt of the explosion in demand for higher education in the past decade. But today's statistics show that even the sought-after "old" universities have changed dramatically.

Ministers have demanded annual "efficiency gains", tightening higher education budgets by up to 2 per cent a year. The institutions have responded by taking more students without increasing the academic staff to match.

In the last five years, student numbers rose by more than 40 per cent at the traditional universities, but only 16 per cent more academics were employed. Over the last academic year, there were 14 students to each member of staff on average, compared with 10.6 in 1989.

The Association of University Teachers, in an analysis of the statistics, claimed that the figures masked a serious decline because most extra staff were researchers rather than lecturers. It added that over the same period lecturers' pay had been cut by 1.2 per cent in real terms.

David Triesman, the AUT's general secretary, said: "Treating professional staff as if they were machines that can be set to run faster places a low value on quality in higher education, which is suffering from gross underfunding. When the Government announces that productivity is to be rewarded, they mean for everyone other than university staff."

Although the number of new places in higher education will be almost unchanged this year, staffing levels are likely to worsen. Large intakes from previous years will ensure that overall student numbers continue to rise while universities make further economies.

The Higher Education Funding Council for England has warned universities and colleges to expect 15 per cent less state support for each student over the next three years. Vice-chancellors say that quality will suffer if the squeeze continues.

With the "clearing" process for students rejected by their first choice universities set to start on Wednesday, there is little sign of the demand for places slackening. The proportion of 18-year-olds applying to universities and colleges rose again this year, and record A-level pass rates will make it more difficult to win a place.

Today's report, published by the Universities Statistical Record, shows that social science subjects have the highest entry requirements after medicine and dentistry, with language courses close behind.

Head teachers reject tests reform

BY OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

HEAD teachers are today to undermine the Government's attempt to end the two-year dispute over testing, by rejecting the introduction of external markers.

Responding to the Government's proposal to lessen teachers' workload, the National Association of Head Teachers expresses "grave concern" at the concept of giving schools outside help with the tests.

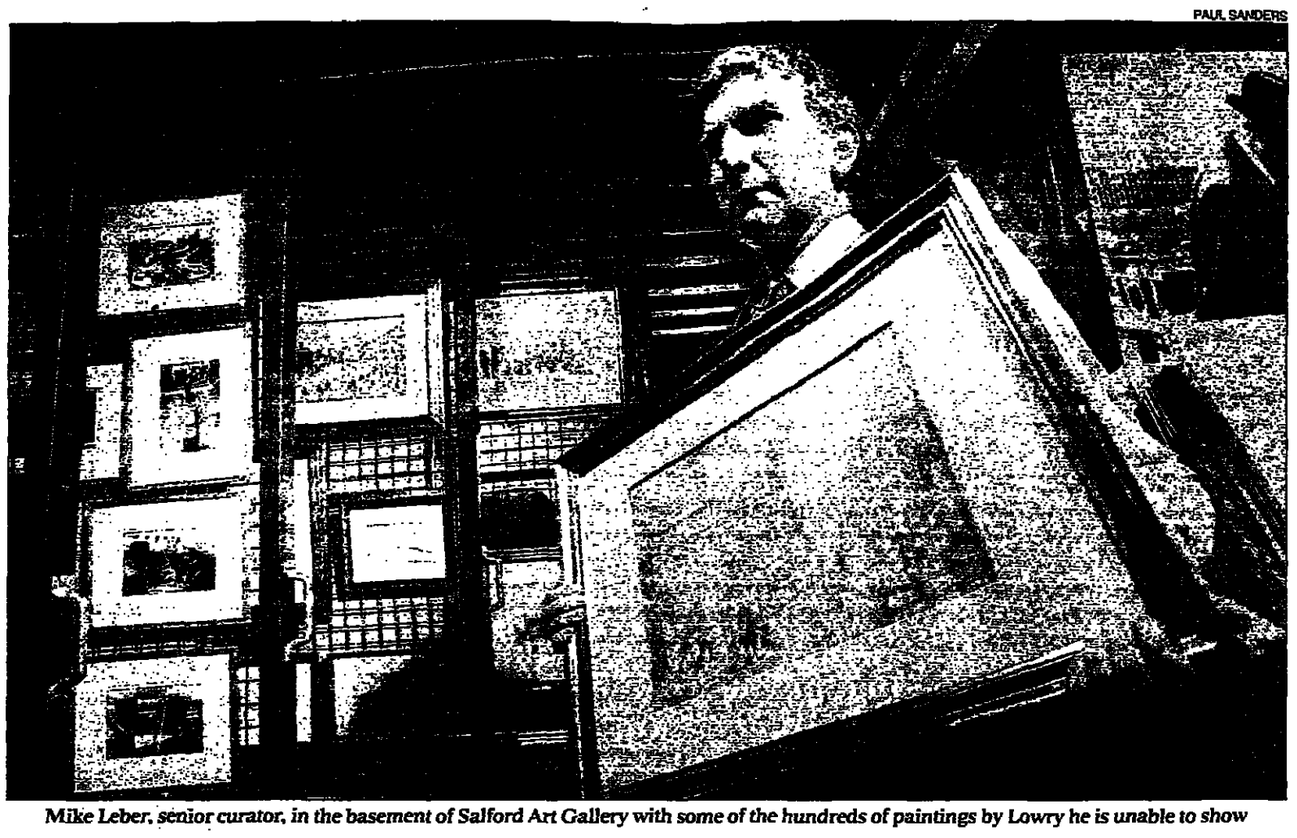
Shortly before being replaced as Education Secretary, John Patten proposed external marking for tests under the national curriculum of 11-year-olds and 14-year-olds and extra staff to cover for teachers administering tests for seven-year-olds. Teachers' own assessment of pupils would cease to be audited externally.

The initiative was intended to encourage more teachers to set the tests next year, and to remove the legal basis for refusal to do so. The boycott of the tests only constitutes a trade dispute if it is based on teachers' workload, rather than educational objections.

In a submission to Gillian Shephard, Mr Patten's successor, the NAHT says the new system would devalue teacher assessment which was fairer than one-off testing. The association claims that, with serving teachers expected to act as external markers, workload problems would remain.

David Hart, the association's general secretary, said: "It is difficult to understand how teachers who find the marking of 30 sets of scripts excessive would not find the marking of 300 sets of scripts excessive because they were being paid for it."

PAUL SANDERS



Mike Leber, senior curator, in the basement of Salford Art Gallery with some of the hundreds of paintings by Lowry he is unable to show

Salford paints a sorry picture of artist's life

BY KATE ALDERSON

■ **Hundreds of Lowrys are languishing in a cellar while the town he portrayed struggles to catch up with celebrations of his work**

DOZENS of paintings and sketches by L.S. Lowry are stored in a cramped basement in Salford because there is not enough room to display them in the small gallery upstairs.

Moreover, no catalogue of his work exists, and an archive of tape-recordings, photographs and letters documenting the artist's life languish unseen in a cupboard.

Eighteen years after his death, little exists to celebrate Lowry, who captured industrial life in famous paintings such as *Coming From the Mill* and *Market Scene, Northern Town*.

Salford Art Gallery, which owns 300 Lowrys — the largest collection in the world — is hamstrung by financial constraints and a lack of space and has been unable to display more than half its collection.

However, this "parlous state of affairs" as Lowry's friends and life-long collectors describe it, is being rectified. Salford's most famous son is to be celebrated in a £50 million performing arts centre bearing his name that will house a purpose-built gallery for his work.

Plans for the centre in Salford Quays, proposed by Salford City Council, are well under way. Bids for funding from the National Lottery, essential to the project, and European cash, are being drawn up.

John Willis, chief executive of Salford Council, has defended the use of council funds in the project, saying that he wants Salford to be known "for something other than vigilante groups and witness intimidation".

For Mike Leber, senior curator at the Salford Art Gallery, which bought its first Lowry in 1936, the new centre cannot be built too soon, although it is unlikely to open before the turn of the century: "Salford has been in an embarassing situation for years in that it owns a collection of national importance, but has had other spending priorities."

The Victorian art gallery, Mr Leber said, is not appropriate to house a national collection in perpetuity: "It is difficult to control heating and lighting, several pictures have been on display for 40 years and we cannot show as many works as we would like. Access to our Lowry archive is virtually zero because we have no space and too few staff."

According to Shelley Rohde, author of *A Private View: L.S. Lowry, Salford and the art establishment* have been slow to celebrate one of their most famous exports: "He is far too popular for the art establishment. They should have built a purpose-built gallery when he died.

"Lowry would turn in his grave if he knew some of his works were being stored in a basement. He turned up at the Salford gallery one day to discover that none of his pictures was on show and he was mortified — that is why he left his estate to his protégé. He has always had a love-hate relationship with Salford.

"Lowry was a chronicler of the decline of the industrial revolution, of an age long gone. It is perhaps fitting that Lowry often said it would take the British art establishment 100 years to decide if he was worth it or not."

Andreas Calman, an old friend of the artist who was among the first to sell his work from a gallery in Manchester and who is staging a small exhibition of Lowrys in London, welcomes the new centre: "Lowry was a uniquely English artist who captured things that no one else painted.

"He will probably outlive a number of other British 20th century artists, but without the help of the powerful people in the art establishment."

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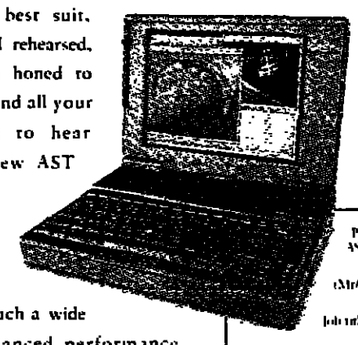
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Government reforms are debasing universities by subordinating learning to market-led 'research'

The graves of academe

■ The drive to publish at all costs is killing the venerable tradition of disinterested learning, Stephen Logan writes



A.E. Housman, C.S. Lewis, and Wittgenstein, who would find it hard to get a university job nowadays

Suppose you are classicist. Wouldn't you — however apprehensively — like to have been taught textual criticism by A.E. Housman? Suppose you are a philosopher. Would you willingly have given up the chance of being goaded into enlightenment by Wittgenstein? Or again, suppose you are a literary student. Mightn't you have reaped a harvest of fertile suggestion from some talk with C.S. Lewis?

It is possible to answer all those questions in the negative. Housman was pathologically censorious. Wittgenstein also sharpened his tongue on his mind, and was prone to fits of depression. And C.S. Lewis, even worse from some points of view, was a Christian. Such misgivings, however, usually accompany an awareness of the virtues they threaten to compromise. It is a precondition of sensing the drawbacks that you appreciate the possible benefits.

Unless we presume they could have no living equals, or equivalents, a similar question might indeed be asked about their modern successors. If there were a philosopher of

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Wittgenstein's genius living now, where would you look in the hope of finding him or her? Not, probably, in a university.

For under the rules governing entry to, and survival within, the academic profession today, people such as the three I have named could not have got and kept a job. The general public has little respect for academics, and less interest in them (except perhaps when it comes to turning their own children into graduates); so it is not widely known just how bad the terms and conditions of university employment in this country are, particularly in the humanities.

The current academic stereotypes are fantastically remote from the reality of modern academic life. It is as if the public had been living in an ivory tower. These days, if you want to become a university teacher in the humanities, you must begin by getting a first-class degree.

As a qualification for a university job, that is the most trifling of preliminaries: but it effectively excludes from the profession hundreds of graduates with 2.1s who, until about 1989, might have obtained a grant to study for a doctorate.

Getting an arts PhD takes an average of five years; but since your grant will run out after three and you will need to do some teaching to support yourself, many students find themselves taking seven years or more. A few postgraduates will get their first temporary teaching job shortly before completing their doctorates. Academic salaries being age-related, newly qualified post-doctoral students are a much-valued (and much exploited) source of cheap labour to impoverished universities.

You can get a 25-year-old with a double first and a doctorate for £10,000 a year or less; and the competition for such jobs is so fierce, they will cheerfully hold the millstone while you fasten it around their necks. Meanwhile, there will be a glut of 30-year-olds who, as their first contracts expire, are forced back into the market to compete for a cruelly dwindling number of jobs. (Ratios of 100 applications per job are common.)

Clearly what happens in such a situation is that new and more stringent criteria of selection are introduced. Prompted by the very Government which began, under Mrs Thatcher, a campaign of university reform as destructive as it has generally been ignorant, the universities have themselves begun to judge the value of an academic's work almost exclusively by publications.

In 1960, you could get a job without a first and certainly without a doctorate. In 1994, to remain in employment at the age of, say, 40, you need a first, a doctorate, one book out and another on the way. The problem with that form of recruitment is that it ignores the part of an academic's work which will not yield to crude quantitative measures: unpublished research and teaching.

Research (that is, taking an active interest in new developments in your subject) is integral to an academic's career; but not all the intellectual activity of research does, or should, issue in publications. You should publish when you have something not to say, but which needs to be said in writing. The proper context for saying what you have discovered, or are currently puzzled about, is the lecture hall, the tutorial or the seminar. Hence the cardinal importance of teaching.

Bureaucrats, including the academic variety, like taking measurements, so naturally they do not encourage teaching because it is hard to measure. Yet the nearest most people can find to a justification for academics is that they *teach*. The public already suspects academics of being pampered, ineffectual parasites, and would vote to abolish them altogether if they knew that university teaching was to be officially cut back for the sake of research. But although the Government has devised a ruler for measuring the quality of teaching, the damage from using publications as a criterion of academic sufficiency has already been done. The extent to which universities have themselves colluded with the Government on that point is remarkable. When, a few years ago, it was first proposed that the amount of money paid by the Government to a university would be fixed according to each department's record of publications, there was hardly an institution in the country that did not send up a Wagnerian howl of protest. Yet if you apply for a job in those very same institutions today, the Further Particulars commonly quote their research output rating as an indication of their worth — which, in a strict sense, it is.

> ❛ In all but a few institutions, teaching is judged an activity of the second order ❜

Housman, Wittgenstein and Lewis all made important and influential contributions to the intellectual lives of the universities they worked in. Each of them, eventually, had to his name a substantial body of work. Yet nobody whose style of working much resembled that of any of those three different men of genius could nowadays entertain a reasonable hope of academic employment. Neither Housman nor Lewis had a doctorate. Wittgenstein was awarded one for the *Tractatus*, but Bertrand Russell (who also lacked that indispensable qualification), seeing clearly the inefficiency of the doctorate as a test of intellectual merit, thought the accolade absurd.

The *Tractatus* was short and thereafter rarely cited; it would not have counted for much in a measurement of research output. Wittgenstein published only one further article before he died. He got academic jobs largely on the authority of Russell and on the strength of a reputation gained through teaching. To do that now would require entrepreneurial, no less than philosophical, genius.

Housman left Oxford with a third. His first academic job was a professorship at University College London, his election to which, at the age of 33, depended as much on an especially fervent letter of recommendation and a flexible appointments policy, as it did on a string of articles about classical authors which he wrote while working as a civil servant.

Lewis, quite apart from sporting an almost insuperable *dis*qualification in RE, did not produce a major scholarly publication until he was 38, by which time he had enjoyed security of academic tenure for 13 years. He had also done a quantity and range of teaching which would make most of the successful academics of today go white with fear, though not, probably, even pink with embarrassment.

In all but a few institutions, and even there only erratically, teaching is implicitly judged a second-order activity. That those who excel at teaching should be made to feel less valuable than those who publish copiously is not only an injustice but an insidious danger to the intellectual well-being of our universities and of our culture. Unless we concur in a sadly circumscribed interpretation of the word, to acknowledge an "intellectual" danger is to acknowledge a spiritual, or at the very least, a moral danger.

I recently learnt of the death of my sometime teacher, colleague, and friend, Dr David Fleeman. My sadness at the loss of his friendship is compounded by a sense that his death marks the end of an era within which his kind of distinterested scholarship could flourish. After a brief spell as a schoolmaster, he was elected in 1965, aged 33, to a fellowship at Pembroke College, Oxford, where he remained. He was a devoted admirer of Samuel Johnson, and you did not have to be long in his company before you felt, in the elegant concision of his speech, the presence of Johnsonian virtues. He possessed them. When I was a fledgling postgraduate, I attended his course of introductory lectures on bibliography and textual criticism.

That I still remember many of his precepts is owing to a scarcely conscious recognition, at the time, that the whole of a personality instinct with fortitude, integrity and compassion was being expressed through the medium of a dry, exacting discipline. Judicious as a senior colleague, he was singularly supportive as an older friend. Yet . . . he did not publish much. A few editions of works by Johnson and Boswell; a fair number of articles and review in *Notes and Queries*, which he co-edited. His *magnum opus*, a comprehensive Johnson bibliography, occupied him for 20-odd years and was not quite finished when he died. But the memorial he would most treasure is the testimony of 100 acknowledgements pages, where his backstage help to other scholars is duly commemorated. His service to his colleagues, friends, students, his subject, and his profession was unstinting.

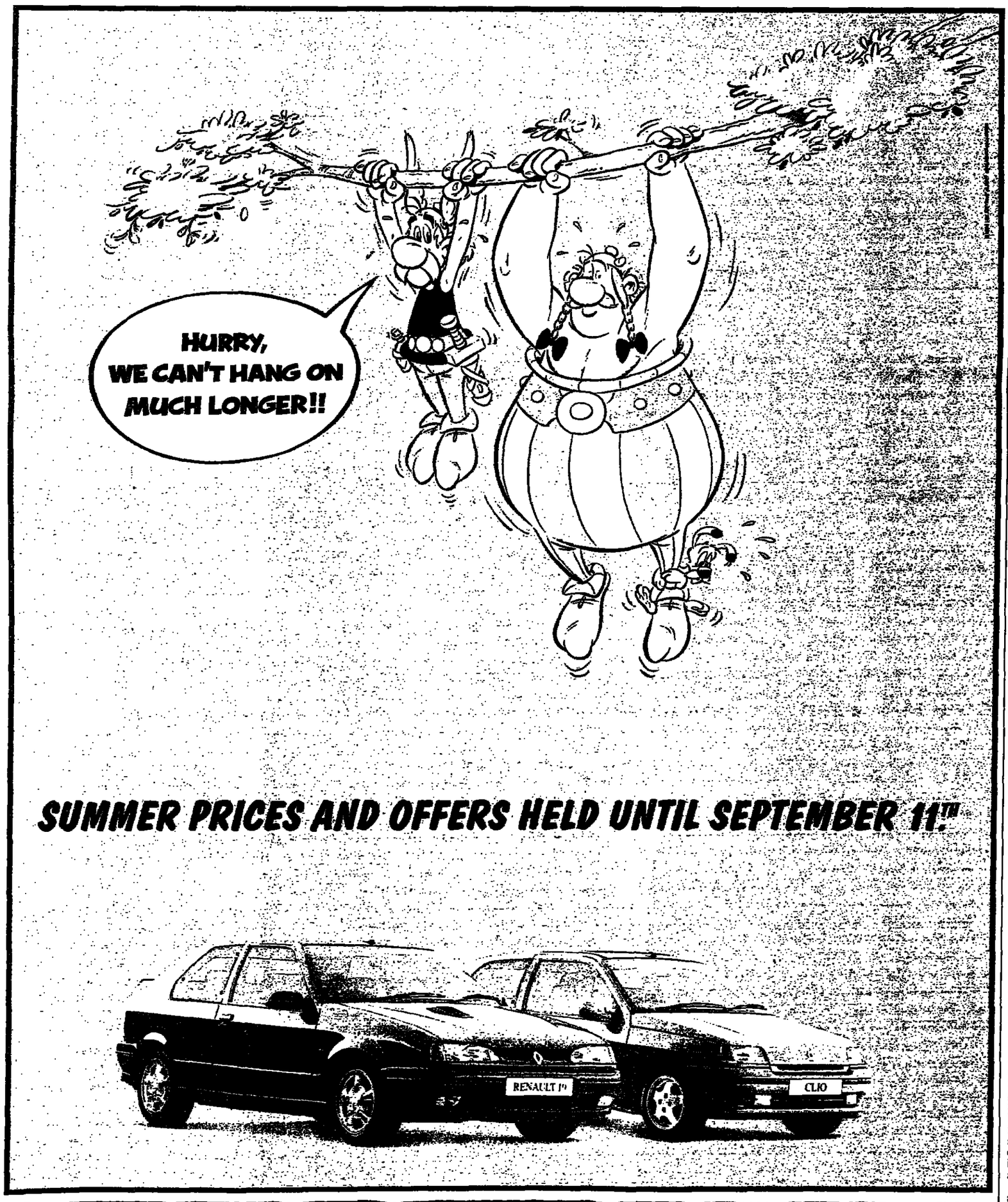
The demise of the intellectually disinterested scholar is in part the consequence of a cultural change that has obscured the ideal of learning for its own sake. I used to think that a disingenuous phrase, because all activities have a motive, and all motives presuppose an end in view. But I begin to see the wisdom of pretending that scholarship has no purpose beyond itself. Once form the habit of assessing an activity in relation to a purpose consciously conceived, there is a danger that the range of possible purposes will be dictated by the ethos of your cultural environment. If, as in our case now, that ethos is materialistic, utilitarian and anti-moral, such too will be the purposes in relation to which learning assesses itself.

What passes for research in some university departments is so unashamedly a travesty of anything an intelligent non-specialist could recognise as learning that some degree of popular contempt for the profession is inevitable and just.

When the Government intervenes in academic affairs, it does so ignorantly and injuriously. When the universities compromise intellectual standards, nothing is done to correct them.

Academics are being encouraged to discredit their own profession by subordinating learning and teaching to market-led "research". That is a cause of chronic pain to those who persist in cherishing the ideals of disinterested learning which made them want to become university teachers in the first place.

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Bosnian army ends maverick's rebellion in Bihac

FROM ANTHONY LOYD
IN VELIKA KLADUSHA, WESTERN BOSNIA

BOSNIAN government troops yesterday captured the medieval castle headquarters of Fikret Abdic in the pocket of Bihac, ending the 11-month rebellion by the Muslim maverick.

Civilians and troops loyal to the tycoon-turned-warlord surrendered weapons and fled as the Bosnian army's 5th Corps overran his Velika Kladusha stronghold. There was no word on the fate of Mr Abdic, who sided with the Bosnian Serbs last year after proclaiming the independence of Bihac.

Victims of a war within a war, the 3,000 Muslim refugees fleeing Velika Kladusha, reflected on the paradox of Bosnia's complexities as they sought to find eventual sanctuary in Croatia after passing through Serb lines. They presented a familiar panoply of fear and flight: women and children on foot or crowded into horse-drawn carts, trailers pulled by tractors or, for the lucky few, cars and coaches.

Laden beneath snatched luggage under the glaring sun, they waited for hours in a jam of improvised shelter ofumbrellas, shawls and canvas for Serb authorisation to pass.

Beyond hazy notions of escape, few had any real idea of what was happening or where they would go. "It is finished," one man said. "I don't know where my family and I shall go or stay. I don't know what will happen."

Eventually the Serbs allowed them access through their lines, by which time the Croatian government in Zagreb had declared that it would not accept them, and they spent a night of limbo in no man's land outside Turanj. The "seduced people" as the 5th Corps call them have fallen foul of their leader's propaganda and intransigence in a toytown conflict that would seem more of a joke were it not for the high level of dead and wounded. Mr Abdic had refused to accept defeat, in spite of his recent dramatic losses to the Bosnian corps.

The defence of Mr Abdic's entrepreneurial kingdom appeared to have been left in the hands of little more than bands of indigenous mercenaries and lightly armed farm boys. On a hill overlooking Mala Kladusha, a village two miles from the "capital", about 30 such troops lay in the open on Saturday, holding an overextended line against the advancing corps, as small-arms fire and mortar exchanges echoed throughout the valleys.

Their resolve seemed to be fortified by men from "Popeye's group", a belligerent gang of fighters distinguishable by their shoulder flash; a portrait of the spinach-eating sailor smoking a pipe, underlaid by their commander's name.

News of the defenders' plight and losses, together with the encroaching sounds of fighting, spread a tangible fear throughout Kladusha, emptying its streets as the weekend progressed. Civilians joined the wretched columns to escape, or hid in their homes. As forward barracks were abandoned, columns of vehicles carried their contents and munitions to Mr Abdic's castle.

The scenes were tragic and bizarre: a girl, mentally handicapped and mute, sat helplessly in a wheelbarrow outside a Red Cross office, abandoned by her mother, while vulpine Popeye troops took to the streets: two of them patrolling in a convertible red Zastava complete with paisley seats.

"We won't live under the boots of the 5th Corps. I will kill myself first," one of Mr Abdic's guard remarked. Such sentiments carry ominous implication for the population of Kladusha.

After declaring the Bihac pocket an autonomous province in the autumn of last year after Sarajevo's rejection of a "peace plan" that divided Bosnia into ethnic cantons, Mr Abdic enjoyed eight months of unmolested power in the northern half of the enclave.

Trading with both Serbs and Croats, the political entrepreneur known as "Babu" [father] by his followers defied the wrath of President Izetbegovic of Bosnia and the demoralised loyalists to the south, and brought relative prosperity to those who supported him. For those who did not, he charged exhorbitant prices for access through Serb lines to Croatia. Such money was reinvested buying arms from the Serbs.

Now such glory days are over. The spring confederation deal between the Bosnian and Croat governments has made him an embarrassment, limiting his funds and his political options.



Abdic: Muslim who took side of Bosnian Serbs





Monika Liston and Hugh Jo exchanging vows in front of their families and friends during the first virtual reality wedding in San Francisco

Couple transported to virtual matrimony

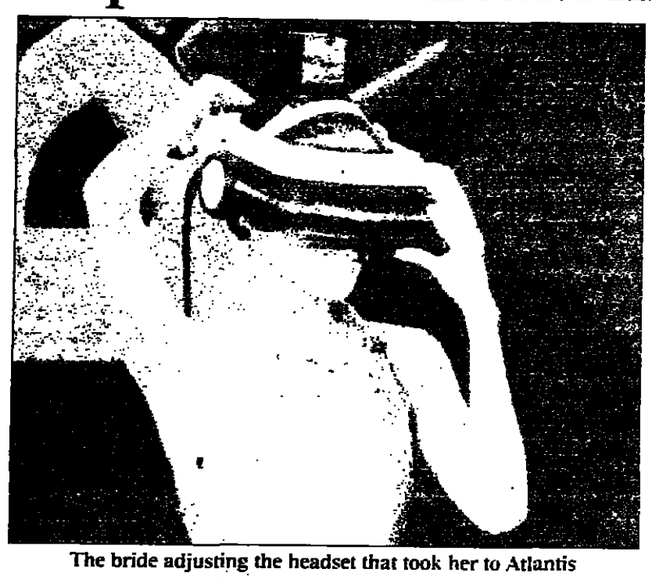
FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN NEW YORK

MONIKA Liston and Hugh Jo may not be the first couple to enter a romantic dream world on their wedding day, but they are the first to do so via "virtual reality" computer technology.

Guests at Saturday's wedding in San Francisco saw two young people tottering into matrimony wearing identical "vision immersion module headsets"; the happy, not to say dizzy couple, meanwhile, saw a vision of hearts, white doves and cascades of flowers as they were transported in a horse-drawn carriage to a castle in the sky. Virtual reality technology makes it possible to conduct your marriage anywhere without going anywhere, by means of electronic images transmitted through headsets.

The new Mr and Mrs Jo chose Atlantis for their marriage made in Cyberspace, while the computerised vision was simultaneously projected on to a video screen for the rest of the wedding party. The high-tech ceremony was sponsored by the computer company Cybermind, where the bride is an executive assistant.

Miss Liston described the wedding as "a blast" which, given the amount of electronic equipment needed to stage the event, was a literal possibility. "We will be open on Monday and ready to create your fantasies," said a company spokeman, but even the most generous father of the bride may pause before granting his daughter a virtually real wedding since the cost is virtually prohibitive: up to $100,000 (£65,000) for a custom-made dream world, rather less if you are prepared to take a ready-made fantasy off the peg. There are other drawbacks, too, such as the need for the bride and groom to remain a distance of three yards apart to avoid getting their signals crossed. You may now kiss the bride, sayeth the minister, but turn off your headset first to avoid a really confusing start to your virtually real marriage.



The bride adjusting the headset that took her to Atlantis

Miss Liston, 25, wore a wedding dress embroidered with pieces of metal and jewels while the groom, 33, sported a spacesuit of the sort favoured by Captain Kirk and his stellar colleagues during formal occasions. Miss Liston said they had planned to elope, but eventually chose the lost continent of Atlantis over the more conventional Las Vegas. "To me it's still an elopement, but to a different world," she said.

The ceremony, approved and co-ordinated by an ordained minister, took place at Cybermind's San Francisco headquarters before 300 earthlings. Various technology companies joined with Cybermind to build the electronic fantasy world, in which images of the bride and groom were wrapped around computer models and then projected through monitors to the participants.

The couple then negotiated their way around the virtually real world of Atlantis using hand-held controllers. Miss Liston maintained that in spite of their strange headgear and the fact that the bride and groom were effectively on another planet, the ceremony was still traditional. "It's just the environment that's simulated."

Greece accused of Slav rights abuse

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

GREECE is guilty of such serious human rights violations against the Slav minority in the north of the country that it probably does not deserve to be a sovereign state, according to a report published today by the British Helsinki Human Rights Group.

In contrast, minorities in the neighbouring Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, "enjoy all the essential freedoms of self-identification, expression, association and political representation", the report says.

Athens accuses the former Yugoslav republic of territorial designs on the Greek province of Macedonia. Greece persuaded other countries to delay recognising its neighbour for more than a year, depriving Skopje of economic aid in the face of United Nations sanctions against its old trading partner, Serbia.

The report says that when constitutional lawyers, led by Robert Badinter, considered Macedonia's application for international recognition, a basic criterion for approval was the observance of minority rights. "It is probably not an exaggeration to say that if Greece were to undergo the same process today, the Badinter Commission would be obliged, after considering the non-observance of minority rights by the Greek government, to recommend against recognising Greece as a sovereign state," says the report.

Athens is accused of trying to limit the use of the Slavic Macedonian language, while "the official position of the Greek government is that there is no Slav minority in Greece," says the report which states that there are about 40,000 Slavs in the country.

The report calls on Greece to recognise the Slav minority, grant itrights of free expression and free association, and the full protection of the law. *Macedonian Minorities, British Helsinki Human Rights Group, £12.50*

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German threat to cut Russian aid

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY issued a stern threat to Russia yesterday that the West could cut back aid unless Moscow takes urgent action on plutonium smuggling.

The warning, issued by Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, may trigger a row with Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. It comes only ten days before President Yeltsin is due to visit Germany to say farewell to departing Russian troops. The parade was supposed to usher in a more intimate era of Russo-German relations. Instead the racket in stolen nuclear materials has created bad blood.

Herr Kohl has sent a second letter to Mr Yeltsin asking him to take personal charge of efforts to plug the leak of nuclear materials. Diplomatic sources say the letter was delivered personally by the German Ambassador who travelled to the Russian leader's Black Sea dacha. Bernd Schmidbauer, the Chancellery aide, has been visiting Moscow on a similar mission.

Herr Schmidbauer tried to paper over the row of the past week by not explicitly accusing the Russians of negligence and urged a joint investigation. He and Sergei Stepashin, the head of Russia's counter-intelligence service, will resume discussions today.

The delicate handling of the negotiations may have been undone by Herr Waigel's outburst. His threat was blunt enough: "Germany will make its financial help for Russia dependent on Moscow's willingness to join us in the fight against international atomic smuggling. I expect the other Western industrial nations to side with us."

The Finance Minister spoke with some authority since Germany holds the presidency of the European Union. He is also responsible for customs and has ordered hand-held geiger counters at all key points of entry.

Carlos legend burgeons as French savour tales of his loves and vanity

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE mythology surrounding Carlos the Jackal continued unabated yesterday as the latest accounts of his arrest in Khartoum suggested he may have been snatched by French secret service agents while undergoing an operation to remove excess fat from his waist.

While a liposuction operation might seem appropriate given his vanity, other reports yesterday claimed Carlos was seized as he wandered alone down a street in the Sudanese capital after an operation on one of his testicles.

Either way, Carlos spent another day yesterday reflecting on his future in a cell at La Santé prison in Paris, contemplating whether to tell all to his French captors or whether to keep to himself the secrets of his past career and the names of those who have backed him. Middle Eastern intelligence sources said Baghdad, which had provided Carlos with a refuge for about a year before he moved to Khartoum, was now worried that he would compromise the network of European companies prepared to do arms deals with Iraq. Carlos had been acting as an arms supplier for Baghdad. Iraq was trying to freeze its connections with the companies, the sources said.

Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, predicted yesterday that Carlos would betray those who had backed him during two decades of terrorist attacks. In the weekly, *Le Journal du Dimanche*, he said: "Many people would prefer him dead."

M Pasqua said he had no doubt the names of those who provided information to Carlos would be revealed. "When a man of this importance is jailed, (he must speak out) if he wants to maintain his standing," he said.

The former terrorist's love life also continued to be the subject of much speculation. Separated from his wife, Magdalena, Carlos had set up home in Khartoum with a younger woman, a Lebanese student called Lana, in her mid-twenties. After his seizure Lana was supposed to have pleaded with his captors to be allowed to go with him but was spurned by the French agents from Direction pour la Surveillance du Territoire (DST). It is reported that she flew to Paris the following morning but has yet to see him.

The background to Carlos's detection and arrest is also subject to increasing drama and intrigue. Egyptian intelligence officers now appear to have played a crucial role as well as the French. They claim to have built up a dossier on Carlos which was handed to the French who had been pursuing the terrorist since he killed two DST officers in Paris in 1975.

Egyptian television last week ran a secretly recorded video film of Carlos with his girlfriend in Khartoum consorting with Sudanese society. Since the arrest, Khartoum has insisted it played the most important role in bringing Carlos's career to an end. Yet reports have indicated that until Sudan's "betrayal" of Carlos, he had a bodyguard provided by Hasan al-Tourabi, a senior government figure.

Cuban-Americans protest at cash ban as Washington puts case of boat people to UN

Clinton acts to tighten the screw on Castro

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

PRESIDENT Clinton's decision to cut off payments to Cuba to punish President Castro for encouraging the mass exodus of boat people was greeted with dismay by Cubans in the United States who have been sending money to impoverished relatives back home.

In Miami, John Pérez had been forwarding $300 (£200) every three months, the maximum permitted, to his extended family in Cuba. "It's absolutely all they have to live on," he said, adding that he would play by the new rules only if Washington follows



through on its tough talk about ending Dr Castro's 35-year communist rule. "My mother is sick and will die," said Bertran Perez, a Miami florist who was sending her hundreds of dollars a month for medicine. "In Cuba there's nothing. Dollars are what they need."

For many families the cash gifts from America were their only chance of buying a few luxuries from the smattering of government-run shops in Cuba that will accept only dollars. The added misery for Cubans is the result of Mr Clinton's second policy reversal in as many days. In the first, he changed the immigration status of Cuban boat people from refugees entitled to asylum to illegal aliens who are being sent to detention centres in Florida or shipped to the American naval base at Guantanamo Bay on Cuba.

The second shift is designed to deprive the Castro regime of up to $500 million a year in hard currency, adding to the economic turmoil created by the loss of Soviet subsidies for Cuba's industries and sugar crop. Mr Clinton will also cut back sharply on charter flights between Miami and Havana, step up propaganda broadcasts to Cuba and seek United Nations resolutions condemning human rights violations by the Castro government.

"The solution to Cuba's many problems is not an uncontrolled exodus, but freedom and democracy," Mr Clinton said. Lawton Chiles, the Governor of Florida whose protests over the refugees prompted Mr Clinton to act, agreed. "Castro is getting a clear message that there is a price to pay for exporting his problems to the United States," he said.

Yet, to the anxiety of American officials, the armada of makeshift rafts and small boats continued unabated at the weekend. On Saturday the US Coast Guard intercepted a record 861 refugees. Many of those pushing off from beaches near Havana, watched without hindrance by police and troops, said they would still rather take their chances at sea than face starvation at home. A total of 336 Cubans have arrived in Florida since the Clinton Administration announced that they would no longer be granted automatic special status.

Yesterday crowds of Cuban-Americans waited beyond the metal and barbed-wire fences surrounding the detention compound at Krome in Miami, some chanting angrily at a change of policy that had made the new arrivals virtual prisoners while others pleaded for news of relatives and friends.

"These Cubans have been through so much," said Jack Canalejo, after searching in vain for two cousins who had left Cuba by raft two days earlier. "They risk their lives for freedom and now they're going to be detained?"

The Cuban government condemned the new American policies and described Guantánamo, which already has 15,000 Haitians under canvas, as a "concentration camp". The tightening of sanctions against Dr Castro and the refugee crackdown were described by Washington officials as putting Cuba under the same constraints as Haiti, the only other undemocratic nation in the hemisphere. Yet that argument is at odds with the Administration's policy towards China: Washington argues in this case that improved trade ties are democracy's best hope.

In fact, the Administration's moves against Cuba were policy on the run, made necessary by the threat of another Mariel boatlift that brought 125,000 Cubans to the United States in 1980. Mr Clinton remembers it well. He lost his bid for re-election as Governor of Arkansas that year, in part for not resisting the sending of 30,000 Marielitos to his state, where they rampaged.

Republican members of Congress felt Mr Clinton should be even more aggressive towards Dr Castro. One, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, a Cuban-American, called for an international embargo of Cuba, similar to that around Haiti. Some Democrats agreed that Washington should act more toughly. Bob Graham, a Florida Senator, said: "Rather than just waiting for Castro to inflict whatever pain he wants, let's be on the offensive."

The fate of Cubans turned away remained unclear. The US State Department was still frantically negotiating with other countries in the Caribbean to accept them. The official in charge of the search, Alexander Watson, said last night that he had positive indications safe havens would be available elsewhere soon.



Cubans who evaded the US Coast Guard net and landed in Florida at the weekend queuing for food at the Krome detention centre in Miami

Dictator who may have dropped a bombshell too many



Castro: exodus puts Havana back on world agenda

*The Cuban leader, who took on President Kennedy in 1962, has rekindled his feud with America to distract attention from growing unrest at home, **Gabriella Gamini** writes*

PRESIDENT Castro is probably wearing a grin under his bushy beard, happy to have made Cuba a top American priority yet again. The exodus of Cuban refugees tothe Florida coast has, at least temporarily, ensured that his nation is not forgotten. But Washington's new measures could damage an already shaky economy, and Dr Castro's grin may disappear altogether if America, as the White House Chief of Staff hinted yesterday, retaliates by enforcing a blockade of the kind it has imposed on Haiti.

The Communist leader may have miscalculated this time. He was clearly worried that having lost the role of strategic pawn between the United States and the Soviet Union after the collapse of the eastern bloc, Cuba was no longer high on the world agenda. Dr Castro, 76, felt increasingly isolated and ignored, and his surprise move, allowing refugees to flee across the 90-mile stretch of the choppy Straits of Florida, is a cry for attention. He has failed in recent attempts to nurture the support of his only likely allies: other Latin American leaders.

Rekindling the feud with the United States has helped Dr Castro grab the spotlight before. "Every time Castro feels his power base and his ego is down he drops some kind of bombshell to heighten his importance. He is a tall, proud man who loves to be at centre stage," said an academic at the Centre for American Studies in Havana.

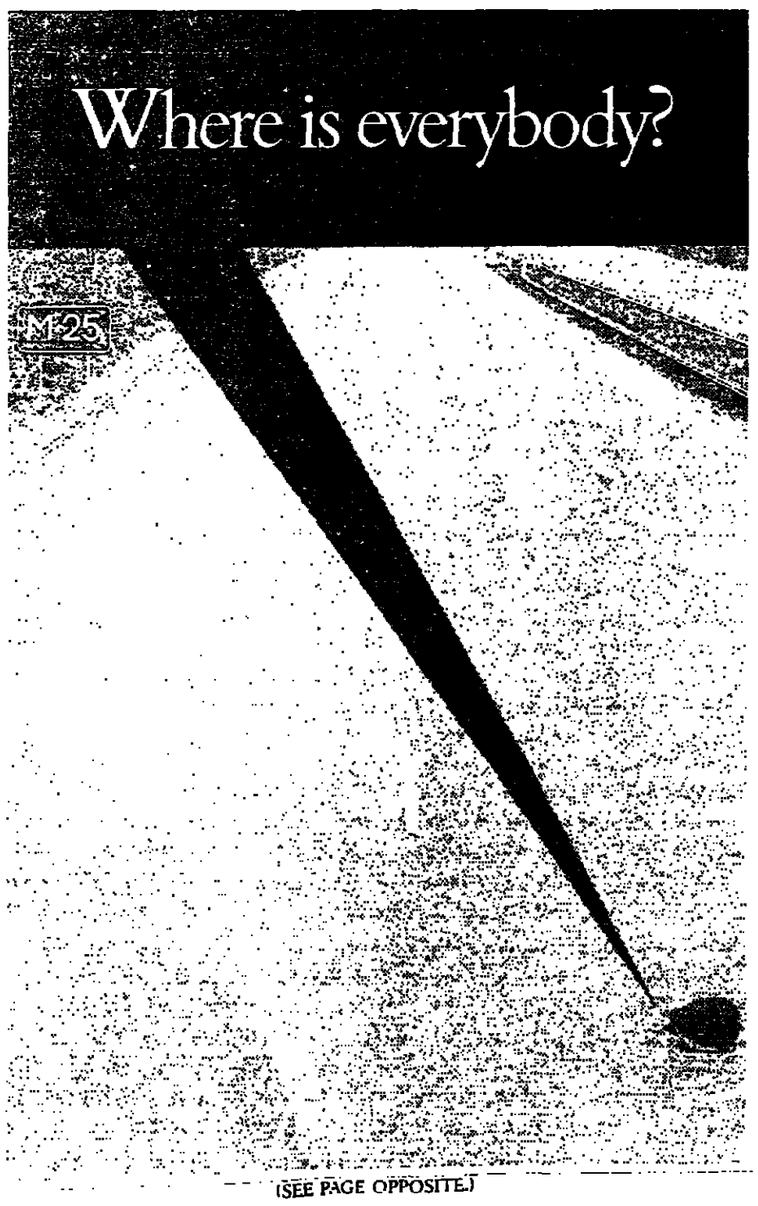
Dr Castro was hailed as an anti-American hero in the Third World when Cuba was at the centre of the nuclear missile crisis in 1962, forcing President Kennedy to order a naval blockade of the island to ensure the removal of Soviet missiles. Dr Castro has most often stirred up the conflict with the United States to deflect attention from his desperate economic problems at home.

He has managed to keep a lid on unrest by drawing on the patriotic fervour of a population he has been careful to indoctrinate. In his speeches — some last five hours — Dr Castro has blamed economic hardships on the 30-year American-imposed embargo and demanded that his people follow his favourite slogan: "Socialism or death." Most have obliged with resilient loyalty, and braved fuel, food and medicine shortages to defend the revolution that has given them free education and medical care. But riots in Havana earlier this month were the starkest signs yet that Cubans are running out of patience.

Although Dr Castro has conceded some economic reforms, they have not gone far enough to benefit daily lives. When I visited Cuba recently, I saw transport and factories at a standstill. Most people spent their day queuing for meagre rations: a bread roll a day, 5lb of rice a month, a handful of beans, four eggs a month and half a pint of "cooking" oil, of the kind that must once have been used to lubricate machines.

Dr Castro's latest move, allowing disillusioned Cubans to flee on flimsy rafts, may have the effect he desires. A refugee crisis will put Cuba back on the map. It is uncertain how much time this will buy him from his people. There are growing signs that Fidel, as Cubans still call him with affection, is clutching his last straw. "Most of us hope Cubans don't have to pay any more for Fidel's desire to outwit the world," said a student.

Where is everybody?



(SEE PAGE OPPOSITE)

Deng's record of rule judged as mix of black cat, white cat

BY JULIAN O'HALLORAN

As Deng Xiaoping celebrates his 90th birthday today, still in power as the leader of China's 1.2 billion people, he is to be counted as one of the world's great political survivors. But how should we judge his record?

When I began to compile a film profile of Mr Deng a couple of months ago I reviewed pictures taken by BBC camera crews in Peking in June 1989. Memories of fear and anger came back when I watched a shot of a young woman bleeding profusely and possibly dying, being taken to hospital on the back of a bicycle rickshaw.

The scores of people who were mown down in front of me on that sunny Sunday morning were not looters, rioters or even resisters of the crackdown against the demonstrators. They were merely standing and staring in silent defiance at a spectacle they had been promised they would never see — the People's Liberation Army being used against the people, blocking off all entrances to Tiananmen Square.

Mr Deng defended the crackdown in public, congratulated the army, but is said to have admitted to fellow leaders: "We lost the hearts of the people." There is no suggestion, however, that he regrets what was done. So was Tiananmen a ghastly aberration, or does it fit broadly with the rest of his record?

Some light is cast by Mr Deng's efforts to crush the smaller pro-democracy demonstrations in the winter of 1986-87. According to Ruan Ming, a senior official then at the Central Party School, Mr Deng ordered that the demonstration be broken up, saying: "We should not fear blood." Mr Ruan believes a massacre was avoided only by the actions of the Minister of Public Security who ordered that the students be rounded up and taken back to their campuses.

An earlier stain in Mr Deng's career concerns the crackdown on the "rightists" who dared to criticise the path taken by Mao Tsetung in the early years of the people's republic. A purge took place against more than half a million people.



A commemorative bronze plaque of Deng on sale in a Peking shop

One of the main targets was Liu Binyan, who later became China's most famous investigative journalist. He was condemned to a living hell for 22 years, and sent into external exile as friends and loved ones were forced to denounce him. He says that Mr Deng took a hard line when Mao asked if the clampdown wasn't going too far.

"Deng said the scale of the campaign was no problem and the party should target as many rightists as there were" says Mr Liu. "Deng was virtually the commander-in-chief. He personally went to Liaoning and Jiangsu provinces to supervise the campaign aggressively and to make sure it was thorough and intense."

Mr Deng was by all accounts a loyal but ruthless henchman of Mao during this period. Tens of millions of deaths caused by the forced communisation of farming in The Great Leap Forward gave him the chance to take a pragmatic line. It was then he remarked: "There's nothing wrong with primitive farming as long as it raises production. Black cat or white cat, if it catches mice it's the right cat." From then on his record looks much better.

Mr Deng was a vigorous opponent of the pernicious Gang of Four. He was twice disgraced at their hands and twice bounced back. When he finally came to power in 1979 he made his priority the economic reforms that have transformed Chinese living standards. He allowed the generation growing up in the 1980s to obtain non-Marxist literature and some new ideas, thereby helping to create the generation which stood up against him.

Sidney Rittenberg is an American who was a member of the Chinese Communist Party for 32 years before he resigned because of Mr Deng's suppression of the Democracy Wall in 1979 and his insistence that the media follow a slavishly party line. But 15 years later Mr Rittenberg says: "I think one of Deng's outstanding achievements is that he broke the cycle of revenge against one's opposition which has existed for thousands of years in China. Deng's major opposition elements have lost their leading jobs but they're all walking around, hale and hearty."

Zhao Ziyang the pro-reform party chief deposed in 1989 has been seen out and about in the provinces. Wang Jingtao who was jailed as a key democracy conspirator in 1990 is now in America after his sudden release earlier this year. But that does not compensate him for four years in solitary confinement. Nor is it of much comfort to the thousands who are still jailed in China or denied basic human rights because of their pro-democracy leanings.

If you stand back from Tiananmen and the suppression of political reform since 1979, Mr Deng appears in a better light and, compared with the tens of millions killed by Mao, he seems to become more white cat than black cat.

Julian O'Halloran covered the Tiananmen Square protests in 1989 for BBC's Newsnight. The People's Dictator, his 90th birthday profile of Deng Xiaoping, will be shown tomorrow at 9.30pm on BBC 2.

NEWS IN BRIEF

King case police face extended jail terms

Los Angeles: In a ruling that has stunned lawyers and dismayed Los Angeles police, a US Federal appeals court has ordered a judge to double the sentences handed down to the two officers whose video-taped beating of the black motorist Rodney King led ultimately to the 1992 Los Angeles riots (Giles Whittell writes).

Attorneys for the two officers, Stacey Koon and Laurence Powell, had appealed against the 30-month sentences meted out to their clients last year after a civil rights trial that many hoped would end the bitter King saga. But instead of a reduction in sentence the officers now face up to an extra three years behind bars. The original judge wrote a memorandum justifying his lenient sentences on the ground that Koon and Powell might face abuse in prison. The argument was rejected by the appeals court.

PLO conditions

Tunis: Yassir Arafat's Fatah group has decided that Israel must recognise a Palestinian state if it wants the PLO to change its charter denying the Jewish state's right to exist. The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by the PLO leader. *(Reuter)*

Mexicans vote

Mexico City: The closest general elections in Mexico's history were held with the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party facing possible defeat for the first time in 65 years. Many Mexicans fear violent protests if the party retains power.

Lesotho aid cut

Maseru: America has suspended aid to Lesotho and warned King Letsie III that it will take further action unless the elected government is returned to power. The King dissolved the government of Ntsu Mokhehle last week. *(Reuter)*

Nigerians held

Lagos: Nigerian police arrested Frank Kokori, the sacked leader of the striking oil workers' union that has been a focus of opposition to the military government. Other opposition figures were also detained. *(Reuter)*

Elephant shot

Honolulu: A circus elephant went on the rampage here, killing its trainer, causing panic in the audience and eventually dying in a volley of rifle fire after police and firefighters who chased it through the city cornered it in an industrial area.

Gambia sex ban

Banjul: Lieutenant Yahya Jammeh, Gambia's new head of state, said he would not tolerate women tourists visiting the West African state in search of sex. Many of the 130,000 people who visit Gambia each year are middle-aged European women. *(Reuter)*

Death toll

Prague: Ninety people died in the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia to put down the "Prague Spring" uprising, according to a Czech newspaper report. The highest number of casualties, 23, was reported in Prague. *(AP)*

Hess arrests

Bonn: About 40 German rightwingers have been arrested to stop them holding rallies to mark the seventh anniversary of the suicide in prison of Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy. In Nuremberg, 1,000 people held a protest against racism. *(Reuter)*

Physicist dies

Palo Alto: Linus Pauling, the physicist, peace activist and the only person to win, on his own, Nobel prizes in different subjects, has died at his California home. Pauling, who advocated Vitamin C as a cure for many conditions, was aged93. Obituary, page 17

Pit ordeal

Warsaw: Two geology students survived for 23 days without food or fresh water after becoming trapped in a remote, abandoned nickel mine in southwest Poland. They are expected to remain in hospital for a month. *(Reuter)*

Gore surgery

Washington: Vice-President Al Gore has undergone surgery at the Bethesda Naval Hospital, Maryland, to repair an Achilles tendon torn while playing basketball. *(Reuter)*

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Anniversary of Paris liberation recalls France's honour



De Gaulle: rallied nation with stirring speeches

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE honour of France is the key to festivities this week to mark the liberation of Paris during the Second World War, which helped to restore Gallic pride and led to the anointing of Charles de Gaulle as national leader.

A torrent of remembrance in the media and a string of ceremonies are passing on the memories and the political passions of those who experienced the euphoria of late August 1944, when Paris and the Free French forces rose against the German occupiers and made them surrender.

In the climax on Thursday, 1,500 actors and an assortment of period vehicles will take part in the re-enactment of the drive of General Leclerc's Second Armoured Divison from the southern gates of the city to the Hotel de Ville. There, President Mitterrand will attend a show evoking the city's rebirth after the death of about 3,000 citizens and four years of humiliation.

The Paris fête is a chance to hail the redemption brought about by the insurrection and General Eisenhower's last-minute decision to send French forces to liberate the capital rather than bypass it in favour of a rapid push to the Rhine. Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris and leader of the Gaullist RPR party, has poured resources into the remembrance which has been gathering pace all year.

Few school children, for example, remain unaware of the heroism of the Resistants, whose deaths in skirmishes with the Germans are recorded by 755 plaques around the city, all refurbished for the anniversary. Every famous act is being recalled, from the strike by the city police to the flight of the tiny Piper Cub, which dropped a message onto the roof of the beleaguered prefecture saying: "Hold on, we're coming — Leclerc."

Also remembered are the bomb-making skills of the Joliot-Curie medical laboratory, the antics of Ernest Hemingway and his band of irregulars and the abandon of the women of Paris who gratefully embraced French and American troops liberating the city.

Along with the legends, however, the country is being reminded of the tensions between the French forces and the Communist-led Underground and the darker side of the occupation which ended when General Dietrich von Choltitz, the commandant of *gross-Paris* disobeyed Hitler's orders to destroy the city and surrendered in the name of his 20,000 strong forces on August 25. As a result, the city's great monuments and fabric remained largely unscathed.

Paris may have capitulated, but it never gave up its pleasures. Many citizens went about their usual business, frequenting night-clubs, theatres, restaurants and couturiers along with the Germans.

M Chirac's enthusiasm is partly driven by the desire to celebrate de Gaulle's coronation and repair the slight which the Gaullists suffered when M Mitterrand, an old foe of the general, failed to mention the Free French leader during the D-Day commemorations in June. Until de Gaulle, a remote figure for the occupied French, arrived to assert his command, Paris had faced the prospect of liberation turning into revolution, led by the Communists who dominated the resistance.

De Gaulle was angry that Colonel Henri Rol-Tanguy, the Communist chief of the regional Resistance, had signed the surrender document along with Leclerc. He seized the initiative, however, with public appearances culminating in his triumphal march down the Champs Elysées on August 26, which legitimised his leadership and convinced the suspicious Americans that there was no alternative to the general as French leader. De Gaulle disbanded the National Resistance Council and rallied the nation with his stirring address: "Paris outraged. Paris broken. Paris martyred, but Paris liberated. Liberated by herself, liberated by her people."

French Communists still smart at what they see as de Gaulle's takeover. However, documents from the Soviet archives have recently confirmed that Stalin ordered the party leadership, then in exile, to eschew revolution for the sake of his relations with Churchill and Roosevelt.

Colonel Rol-Tanguy said he witnessed the German surrender as a military leader and not a Communist. "Let's get this straight once and for all," he said last week. "They want to stick a label on me, but the fact that I was a Communist had nothing to do with my command." The 86-year-old colonel is playing a prominent part in this week's ceremonies.

French influence salvaged amid ruins of Rwanda

French policy in central Africa has been motivated by a conviction that there is an Anglo-Saxon conspiracy in the region, argues **Sam Kiley**

WHAT was Operation Turquoise, the French military intervention in Rwanda, all about? Was it to end the massacres of Tutsis and moderate Hutus? An attempt to bring some calm to the bloodlust that gripped the country and allow humanitarian workers to relieve a traumatised population? Or one nation's brave attempt to establish a bridgehead for multi-national intervention by the United Nations while bureaucrats dithered and argued in New York?

The answer, now that the French troops have left, is none of the above. France intervened in Rwanda for France.

The French have one obsession with regard to Africa — the spread of the English language. General Jacques Lanxade, France's chief of general staff, calls it the "Anglo-Saxon Conspiracy".

One French theory is that the British and Americans are colluding with President Museveni of Uganda to establish an anglophone hegemony over Central Africa including the strategically insignificant states of Rwanda and Burundi. According to senior French special forces commanders like Colonel Didier Thibaut, who led paracommandos into Rwanda in June, and his colleague, Marin Gillier, from the marine commandos, the victorious Rwandan Patriotic Front — the Tutsi and anglophone-dominated rebels — was trained by the British. "That's why they are so good," said M Gillier as his troops dug in for what they thought would be a battle with the RPF in Gikongoro, two days after the patriotic front took the capital, Kigali.



Museveni: focus of conspiracy theory

The French troops arrived long after the worst of the massacres. While some commanders saw their main role as protecting Tutsis, others were convinced they were going to war against the RPF.

There have been temporary beneficial side effects from Operation Turquoise. It stalled the exodus of people fleeing the RPF from the southwest into unstable Zaire and Burundi; and it did establish a little security for aid workers to feed people who included those who had been involved in the slaughter. But the main aim was to stop the advance of the rebels until Paris could catch its breath and swap sides. Between April and June — at the height of the killings and contrary to a United Nations arms embargo on Rwanda — French officials colluded with the Zaireans in Goma to ship more than 100 tons of mainly French weapons to the crumbling Rwandan government, which had organised the massacres. According to diplomatic sources, the French secret service was behind an attempt to recruit 100 Western mercenaries and send them via Burundi to help block the rebel advances in Butare, Rwanda's second city.

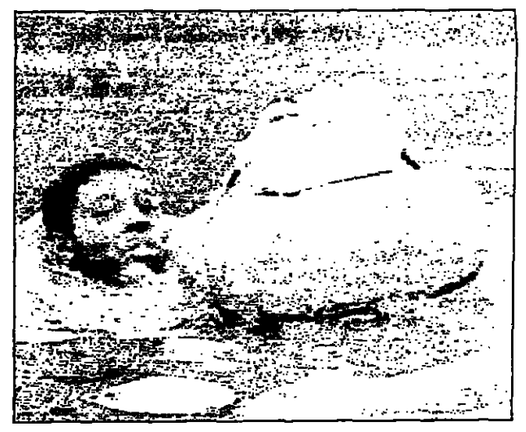
France had backed the former regime against the RPF since their invasion from Uganda in 1990. But when it became clear that the RPF would not only take on the French, but were going to win the entire country, the "safe zone" became a bargaining chip. The deal was this: the French would be allowed to stay for a while in their corner of the country, thereby restoring France's dented credibility in Rwanda, while the RPF would advance no further. Meanwhile the rebels would concentrate their forces in the northwest, and the French would leave that region. Good relations between the RPF and Paris became the order of the day, and the French have maintained their finger in Rwanda's pie.

The result of that deal was that the RPF swept through to the border with Zaire and 1.2 million Hutus fled to Goma, where they continue to are die in their thousands of thirst and cholera.

French withdraw, page 1



Young men pleading with Zairean soldiers to let them cross the bridge at Bukavu that links the two countries after fleeing southwest Rwanda in the wake of the French withdrawal at the weekend. Many, such as the boy below, tried to swim the river in an attempt to get into Zaire



Cambodia condemns West over hostages

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN EXTRAORDINARY outburst by the Cambodian Prime Minister yesterday highlighted the growing frustration and concern over the fate of the three Western hostages seized by the Khmer Rouge, including Mark Slater, the 28-year-old Briton.

Prince Norodom Ranariddh, son of King Sihanouk, attacked the governments of Britain, France and Australia, each of whom have nationals kidnapped by the Khmer Rouge. He accused the countries of interfering in his attempts to negotiate the release of the three hostages and urged them to "shut up".

Prince Ranariddh, the senior of two Prime Ministers appointed to run the government in Phnom Penh, said he had been confident that the hostages would have been freed late last week but that interference from the West had complicated matters. The hostages had pleaded for the Cambodian government to pay the $150,000 (£100,000) ransom demanded by the Khmer Rouge, yet the foreign governments involved had, he said, advised against it.

Speaking at Phnom Penh airport yesterday, Prince Ranariddh said: "The hostages said please, please, please pay the ransom. Your governments said no, no no. I'm very fed up."

Asked about prospects for their release, he said: "We were in the process of releasing them, but now too many cooks spoil the cuisine."

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The new rising crime is a silent, gradual, polite, non-violent mugging of institutions by their employees

Plum jobs for embezzlers



LIBBY PURVES

Never mind tearaways and Rat Boys. Never mind the undisciplined youths berated by Michael Howard for being "mollycoddled" by "do-gooders" (presumably he would prefer do-badders). If you really want to point the finger at social lecches, you *could be looking the wrong way.*

For embezzlement, it seems, is the coming thing. Fraud Squad officers and private agencies alike report a boom, and retailers reluctantly admit that they lose more to their own staff than they ever do to shoplifters, ram-raiders, Rat Boys and the rest.

Our rising crime is a silent, gradual, polite, non-violent mugging of institutions by their own employees. The suspension and arrest of Anthony Williams, laird of Chirnside and accountant at Scotland Yard, was particularly spectacular, given the sums under investigation and the piquancy of the police being the alleged victims. But after "Lady" Rosemary Aberdour, after Robert Maxwell, after a string of City villainies and neighbourhood stings and flits, it *wasn't surprising.*

We are all growing into a vague suspicion that we are surrounded by mild-mannered Moriarties, who escape Mr Howard's contumely only because they have rolled umbrellas instead of back-to-front baseball caps, and organise their own therapeutic holidays. We sense that we walk on shifting sands; in the Scotland Yard case our hearts bled in sympathy for poor David Abdy, hard-working hotelier of Tomintoul in Scotland, and all his staff. Bail or no bail, it must be very unsettling to raise your nose from the grindstone in the peak tourist season and see your employer and laird being led into a police car with a blanket over his head.

There are plenty of theories about the popularity of fraud. Crime needs opportunity, motive and a lack of inhibition. Opportunity is now matchless: fraudshooters cite the growth in computerisation and the "de-layering" of middle-management as things which have made it easier to divert money without anyone noticing. Computers can be persuaded to shoot figures into imaginary refund accounts, to obfuscate orders, round up bills, and engineer phantom deliveries of Tipp-Ex and string to distant branches. A computer-nervous generation is still — just — running the show; a computer-savvy generation is coming up behind, impatiently.

Moreover, the directors' eyes are fixed anxiously on the cutting edge of business and export, and have no time for string; below them the philosophy of "de-layered" middle-management has meant that the company has sacked all those unambitious, crusty, clerkly figures whose role used to be quibbling over envelopes and sending memos about blurred figures on photocopies.

Which brings us to motive, and lack of inhibition. There are no longer any safe, predictable paths through companies. Sometimes it is hard to remember that there ever were. Charles Handy, the business guru, likes to tell the story of how, when he was a young man, his multinational employers tried to enthuse him by showing him on a map just where, in 20 years, he might find himself managing an overseas division.

Twenty years later, not only had he left the company, but the job *didn't exist, the division didn't* either, and nor did the African country. Every company used to be a bit like the Civil Service: now, not even the Civil Service is allowed to be like that.

So these days no new recruit joins any organisation — even the BBC, even the police, even the great newspapers, even the railways and Post Office — with any expectation of being looked after or of being loyal. It is every man for himself.

In a discussion I had with and about headhunters recently, it emerged that loyalty to a company *is regarded now as a rare eccentric*ity. They'll get rid of you when it suits their book, so everyone said; they'll rationalise and de-layer you into the dole queue and never lose a minute's sleep. Therefore, if you get a better offer, you *jump at it* and take your clients with you. If your sudden departure throws your old office into chaos, tough: serve them right for not putting you on a tighter contract.

To the old-fashioned mind and heart, this is a bleak philosophy. You never quite get over your first encounter with it. But it prevails, and to my eye provides the final bit *of explanation of why fraud is* increasing. Take away the sense of the firm as family, and you take away a certain decent inhibition. Not, of course, from everybody; but from enough to cause trouble. And the worm inside the plum, Mr Howard, is quite as nasty as the wasp outside.

English Heritage's folly

A false idea of the past is spoiling a fine park, argues the historian **Raphael Samuel**

MARY EVANS



A gentleman's estate — the North Front of Caen Wood, seat of the Earl of Mansfield, as seen in an engraving of 1788. But should it now be restored to its 18th-century glory?

City dwellers in the habit of ruralising on the airy heights of Hampstead Heath in London will be bemused, even indignant, about the ever-increasing rash of railed-off enclosures. Indeed no sight seems more common than that of men with sledgehammers driving in stakes. Paths ribbed and rutted with ancient roots now have man-made treads to prevent visitors from getting their feet muddy. The ponds have had *cordons sanitaires* thrown around them.

Nowhere are the barriers and the enclosures more obtrusive than at Kenwood, now under the management of English Heritage. At the entrances notices have been posted announcing that you are entering an 18th-century gentleman's estate. Inside is a place where it is now quite impossible to get lost.

In the South Wood where every scrap of scrub has been enclosed, the fencing has been strengthened with stout poles, wire meshes and iron thongs. Even in the more open parts there is a determined attempt to corral walkers with ever-extending lines of paling to keep them to the prescribed routes.

The Inner Circuit, which previously snaked its way through sedgy grass, has been widened, upgraded and thickly resurfaced with hoggin, for all the world as if it were an ornamental avenue in Regent's Park.

The rationale for these operations, and the wider strategy of which they form a part, can be seen in the exhibition which English Heritage has mounted in Kenwood House — at once a record of progress and "improvement", in the eight years since it took over the administration of the estate, and an outline of the shape of things to come.

Kenwood House, it tells us, is one of the finest Adam interiors in the country, while the grounds, remodelled by Humphry Repton in the 1790s, are a designed landscape.

The Sham Bridge — built in imitation of those which *graced 18th-century Green*wich and Richmond — has been restored: the principal ornamental lake dredged, and the surrounding copses replanted.

For the future, English Heritage points to the restoration of a fully-fledged ornamental estate, complete with formal garden, *ferme ornée* and picturesque perspectives. *An 18th-century kitchen* garden is to be retrieved from the municipal tennis courts: the 1960s open-air concert stage, built in imitation of the Hollywood Bowl, is to be replaced by *something more in keeping* with a neo-classical estate. Even the benches are to be made ornamental after the model of J.C. Loudon's 1838 text *The Villa Gardener*.

As well as recreating an archaic landscape, English Heritage also wants to purge it of alien and inferior stock. It seems to have persuaded itself that Kenwood, under the slovenly mismanagement of the Greater London Council, had degenerated into a kind of arboreal slum, where upstarts and intruders — not only the *sycamore, but also self-seeded* birch and turkey oaks — were strangling more venerable growths.

Around Kenwood lakes it has cleared rhododendrons on a large scale, while on *the*



August Bank Holiday 1925: all of Kenwood was open to the public for the first time

more open parts of the estate it has been taking out superfluous or "secondary" trees which obstruct classical or picturesque views. "To protect ancient genetic lineage", new growths will be planted from native seed.

*So far as fencing and foot*paths are concerned, English Heritage is doing no more than the National Trust and the Countryside Commission, with their carefully way-*marked routes from which* walkers are forbidden to stray. And the policy of "taking out" alien species of trees, though it has aroused a storm of indignation, follows best practice in arboriculture of recent years.

Wildlife habitats *do* need protection if they are to survive. But why should Georgian landscaping be taken as a measure of the true, rather than those earlier forms of arboreal life when Kenwood was a limb of the ancient forest of Middlesex, a game reserve, or — its status in late 16th-*century England* — a *wood*land estate, commercially cultivated for its timber?

True, Kenwood is patrician in origin, unlike Hampstead Heath, but when it was joined to the heath after intense lobbying and philanthropic effort earlier this century, it was as an addition to *open* space that it was celebrated. Sir Arthur Crosfield, the Liberal philanthropist who was the moving spirit in the campaign, was an ardent champion of playing fields. He felt the 150 acres of meadowland on the estate were ideally adapted for cricket, football and tennis, and "other games and pastimes vital to the physique and well-being of a vast town-bred population".

The house itself did not arouse aesthetic excitement at this time: "Designed by Robert Adam in the reign of George III, the exterior of yellow stone is massive rather than elegant, and of that pseudo-classical style prevalent at that period," runs a 1927 guide.

Kenwood was to be another "lung" for the inner city, making space for the vast Bank Holiday crowds who flocked to Hampstead Heath. A Save Kenwood poster of 1921 *pictures John Citizen at war* with Jerry Builder, and lists the park's "woodland joys, sylvan beauties, shady dells, leafy delights, unobtrusive spaces". Not surprisingly, the Kenwood Preservation Council was able to enlist financial support from proletarian borough councils such as Shoreditch and Hackney and the readers of the Labour *Daily Herald* as well as national celebrities and nobs.

*So far as history was con*cerned, Crosfield, an enthusiastic antiquarian, was far more interested in Boadicea, who, he believed, had fought her last battle with the *Romans in the vicinity of* Kenwood and had been buried on the edge of Parliament Hill Fields, than in either Robert Adam or Humphry Repton.

So far as landscape was concerned, the Kenwood Preservation Council was an enthusiast for nature in the raw. It was as "two tracts of primeval woodland unsurpassed by any sylvan scenery within easy reach of the City of London" that Kenwood was recommended to the public. Crosfield wrote of it as an unspoilt remnant of the Forest of Middlesex, which from prehistoric times had been the home of wild animals.

"Many magnificent trees have been saved," runs the Preservation Council's 1925 report, "including finest specimens of the Zelkova (Iron Tree), the Tulip Tree, and the Deciduous or Marsh Cypress, which grow near the Water Lily Pond. The ponds are haunted by the kingfisher and wild duck, and in the woods, the badgers still work."



The Adam Room, Kenwood House: ignored in the 1920s

English Heritage is *moved by a different* aesthetic, strongly marked, indeed shaped, by the Georgian revival. It presents Kenwood House as a "fine example of the *artistic home of a gentleman* of the 18th century". In fact all of the furniture of the house was sold at auction in 1922 without the Preservation Council putting in a bid for it. The 18th-century pictures, the Gainsboroughs, Reynolds and Romneys, so far from being heirlooms, relics of the great Lord Mansfield, were the purchases of late Victorian beer money, which came to Kenwood House by means of the Iveagh bequest.

It is the park-like qualities of Kenwood which stir English Heritage's deepest passions, *the architectural antiquities*, the 18th-century follies.

Julius Bryant, director of Historic Properties at English Heritage and chronicler of its operation at Kenwood, quotes with approval J.C. Loudon's encomium on the estate — "the finest country residence in the suburbs of London".

In his book he pictures visitors taking circuits — that is, the estate walks — very much in the spirit of the travellers of the late 18th century, with their Claude glasses to bring the landscape in line with the studio picture, "passing through the picturesque, the beautiful and the sublime".

But why stop there in the search for authenticity? Why not re-establish the duelling ground in Kenwood's inner sanctum, and re-erect the gibbet at the top of North End Way, to remind visitors of the fate which awaited highwaymen and footpads? At the very least English Heritage should have revived the old 18th-century name, Caen Wood.

The charm of Kenwood today is that it is eclectic: 18th-century follies and 20th-century ones exist side by side; the municipal and the park-like coexisting cheerfully with the wild and the unkempt. So far from being a Georgian time-capsule as English Heritage would like it to be, it is a palimpsest on which successive generations have left their mark.

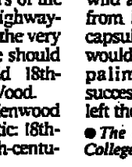
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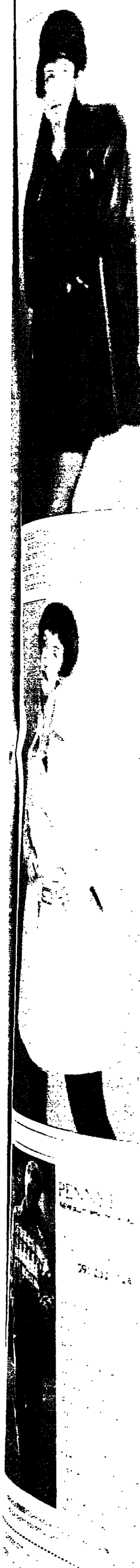
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How to be swinging in the rain

Outlook: wet and wild

Sexy and short, shiny and bright — the dull, sensible mackintosh gets a brilliant facelift for autumn

Whoever thought the day would come when a mackintosh would find itself described as *sexy*? In the past the raincoat has always been considered a practical item of clothing: terribly useful and sensible. Well, it's still all those things, but this season's new, improved version is also downright sexy.

The new rain mac is all about shape. Basically a triangle, a neat fit at the shoulders, flaring into a trapeze line at the hem: a perky, flirty look reminiscent of those worn by the Mata Hari heroines of 1960s spy movies. A touch of French Resistance chic and a good helping of Carnaby Street Mod, lend a stylish edge to this essentially down-to-earth garment.

This year's mac mirrors many of the trends emerging from the catwalks for autumn/winter: the swingy A-line silhouette, the short, thigh-skimming hemline, often brightly coloured with the sheen of a newly polished sports-car. The overriding mood-swing that fashion is feeling for the forthcoming season is towards the bold and brash. The new mac fits the bill perfectly. Its clean line is modern, while it jaunty image is upbeat and energetic.

All around the world the designers offer their own versions of the new raincoat, some more extreme than others. Italian Gianni Versace showed all kinds of shiny wonderstuff on his catwalk. The red-hot fake snake raincoat (more of an elongated motorcycle jacket) worn by supermodel Helena Christensen was an obvious



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charmer. Equally polished was the embossed red vinyl mini-trench modelled by Christy Turlington.

In Paris the designers are also concerned with maintaining a bright outlook when downpours threaten. Issey Miyake showed brilliantly coloured outerwear in acid shades which scream for attention — lime green, yellow, orange and pink, invariably topped with a satiny finish.

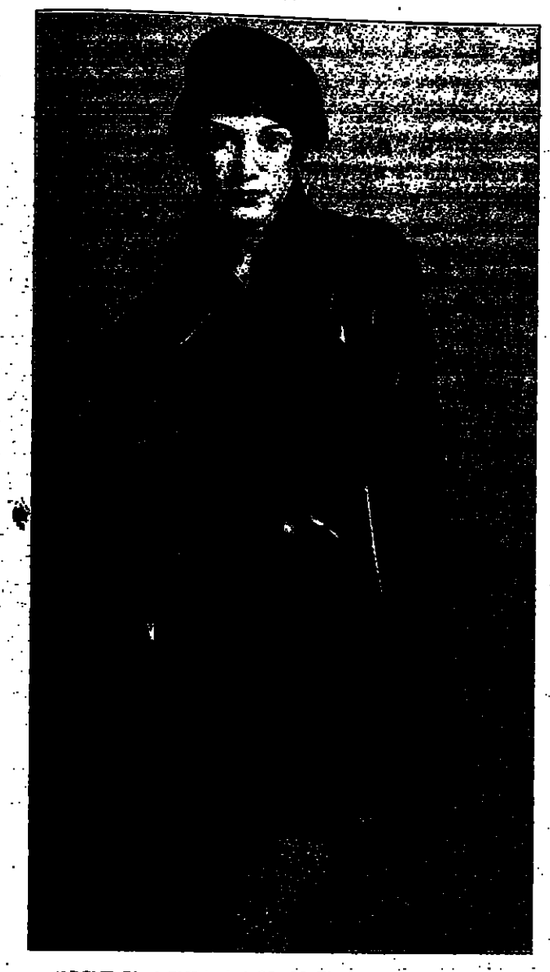
Even Christian Lacroix, known more for his wilder excesses of opulent luxury than for the straightforward and sensible, includes a raincoat in his collection, albeit cut in ruby red satin. Superstar glamour.

On the other side of the Atlantic, in New York, the vogue for kaleidoscopic, glossy garb is causing more shocks. The American designers have always been known for calm, cool fashion statements, but this season they just can't get enough colour into their lives.

Marc Jacobs is the hippest of the Big Apple's designers. His latest collection is an eclectic mix of daywear, eveningwear and outerwear — at times all worn together. A fluffball coat covers a searing orange leather mac, while his acid lime leather *Cathy Come Home* raincoat (fitted but still flared toward the hem) is teamed with a sequinned miniskirt and schoolgirl shirt and sweater set. Donna Karan has puffed up her raincoats as big as bed quilts. The look, however, is still, believe it or not, short and swingy, as are her brightly coloured double-breasted pseudo mackintoshes, this time in hot pink and lemon yellow wool.

With so much colour it's refreshing to find a good old-fashioned black PVC raincoat lurking in the shadows. This is the Bardot of macs. Michael Kors, DKNY, and CK Calvin Klein all have their own version, but none comes wilder than that designed by Liza Bruce, who cut a similar shape in fine black rubber.

But perhaps the ultimate raincoat comes from Italy's naughty-boy duo, Dolce e Gabbana. A double-breasted shiny plastic short trenchcoat . . . and as see-through as they come. Clearly a raincoat of the future.



ABOVE: Black PVC jacket, £64.99. Black merino wool dress, £44.99, Oasis, selected branches (071-377 5335). Black leather beret, Paul Frith, to order (081-748 6657). Black leather gloves, £55, Dents, department stores nationwide. Black fishnet tights, £5.99, Sock Shop, branches nationwide. Black patent court shoes, £165, Gina, 189 Sloane St, SW1.





ABOVE: Red A-line "Walsham" raincoat, £350, Burberry (071-930 3343). Navy wool crêpe dress, £270 approx, Paul Frith, Crackers, 62 Church Rd, SW13; Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1; Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1; Liberty, Regent St, W1. Black velvet De Luxe tights, £11.99, Wolford, department stores nationwide.

LEFT: Cream double-breasted raincoat, £265, Margaret Howell (071-584 2462). Black silk tunic dress, £175, Sportmax (071-287 3434). Tights, Wolford, as before.



LEFT: Black peplum rubberised mac, £335; yellow matt jersey top with sleeves, £120; yellow velvet skirt, £145, Ally Capellino, 95 Wardour St, Soho, W1 (071-488 9777). Dark maroon punched welted lace-ups, £130, Ally Cappellino for Jones bootmaker, as before. Tights, Wolford, as before.

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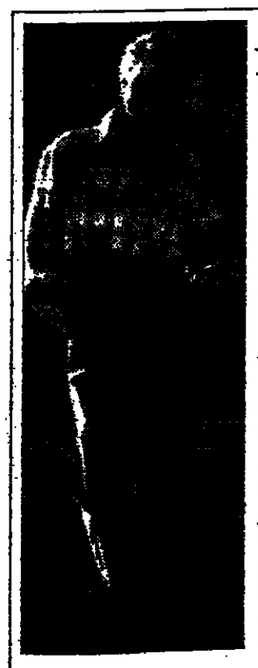
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● WELL worth a visit is Graham & Green's three-shop site in Elgin Crescent, SW11. While numbers 4 and 7 stock glassware, china, linens and furniture, number 10 is devoted to clothing. Collections by John Rocha, Rifat Ozbek and Ghost are stocked alongside lesser known designers, including Anita Jenkins for Graham & Green. Sharp and directional, her compact collection of separates (available from the end of August) includes a short A-line skirt and tunic dress in faux astrakhan, and mohair knits. Prices start at £49 for the skirt.

● HAIRDRESSER Paul Edmonds's range of aromatherapy haircare products has grown in size. His new treatments include a pre-shampoo oil for the prevention of colour fade on treated hair, and a leave-in conditioner. The delicious smelling combinations can be found at all branches of Boots or by mail order from Edmonds salon (071-589 5958). Shampoos start at £2.95 for 200ml.

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■ There is an unholy alliance between educationists and adults to keep children out of the way

Some years ago, in this column, I suggested that language teaching in schools was largely a waste of time. Millions of hours of instruction were being squandered in a doomed attempt to give British children a good foothold in French, German, Italian or Spanish. Almost none was gaining it. Very few, I said, leave school with proficiency in any of these tongues. Most Britons enter adult life with a cordial loathing of another European language, having lost confidence in their own ability to master any tongue but their own, and become convinced that the Dutch, who can, must have differently constructed brains.

The Government produces no figures on outcome. Exam results are no guide to whether school-leavers gain any practical fluency in a second tongue at school, and teachers are wise to avoid the question. So I conducted a personal survey of my own. I hawked a questionnaire through the carriages of a busy London Underground train. Answers revealed that almost everybody had learnt a language at school, and almost nobody felt they had acquired any useful grasp of it. The handful who did speak another language had learnt it through living abroad, at work, at commercial language classes — or they were foreigners.

Needless to say, my criticisms met little response from the educational Establishment. Nor did my proposals. Might we not, I asked, get better results by teaching a second language only to children who wanted to learn one, and sending them on proper language courses? I suggested it was almost impossible for a single teacher to drum a language into the heads of some 20 or 30 pupils at once, particularly when most of them were there unwillingly. Hiving the function off to specialist establishments — and reserving the course for those who wanted it — seemed an obvious move.

I left the matter there. Until, that is, I read Libby Purves in this paper a few weeks ago (July 25), tackling the subject of domestic science as taught in schools. Libby writes with more authority on domestic science *that I command on languages*, because she can actually cook.

The Purves thesis was that there was no point teaching domestic science in school: those who wanted to learn how to bake, iron or sew would find more direct ways of acquiring this knowledge from their peers or elders. Advanced skills in the household field were best pursued through special courses of the kind offered commercially to adults as well as children. What purpose was served by confronting dozens of bored children with classroom demonstrations of what some already knew, some did not want to know, and others would learn in their own time and way, when they were ready?

"Bull's-eye, Libby!" I thought. "You are obviously right." At only one point in her argument did I hesitate. This was when she suggested that, unlike domestic science, skills such as metalwork might be usefully taught to schoolchildren.

No so. I learnt metalwork myself, along with woodwork, at school. It was compulsory. For nine-tenths of the class it was a complete waste of time, in the same ways and for the same reasons as Libby sees in the school-teaching of domestic science. Most of us did not want to be there in the first place, and it was impossible for poor Mr Hughes to impart useful skills to the minority in a large class whose majority were restless, bored and uncooperative. I must advise Libby that her proposals for domestic science apply to woodwork and metalwork too: those who wish to learn should take a skills-orientated technical course. Such courses are best arranged outside the precincts of a school. Separated from the juvenile pressures imposed by membership of a huge body of fellow juveniles, young people are more likely to take themselves and their work seriously.

> After the age of 10, what case is there for six more years of semi-bedlam?

And then I remembered "religious knowledge". Nothing useful was imparted in these (compulsory) classes at school either: yet when I joined the Boys' Brigade (voluntarily) I took the Bible classes seriously and learnt much.

And then I remembered botany, and mechanics, and geology, and Shakespeare. And history, art and athletics. My interest in them all grew only when separated from the damn-fool atmosphere of the classroom or sports field, and left to seek focused ways of acquiring the grounding or training I wanted.

So what subjects *is* school the best place to learn? The most basic skills, perhaps — reading, writing and adding up? But, after the age of 10, what case can there be for six more years of compulsory, unfocused semi-bedlam?

I think there exists an unholy alliance between state educationists, whose undeclared interest is in their own career status and funding, and an adult world whose secret desire is simply to get children into a single, supervised building — and out of their way for as long as possible. The current excitement about free, universal nursery education should be viewed in the same sceptical light.

By playing cricket in the old English style, Devon Malcolm honours a tradition that is under threat

Black gentlemen, white players

William Rees-Mogg

If David Gower did not exist, one might think that the only gentlemen in modern English cricket were black. It is a remarkable social and ethnic paradox. By "gentleman" I do not mean someone who has inherited broad acres from an ancient lineage. I mean someone who lives by the chivalrous code of courage combined with generosity to others and modesty about himself. This is the sense in which Samuel Johnson defined "gentleness" in his Dictionary: "Softness of manners; sweetness of disposition." This idea of gentlemanly play is part of the history of English cricket. Now white English cricketers seem to be trained as though they were keen young Wall Street lawyers, never knowingly to give a sucker an even break. It has been the black cricketers who have revived the true spirit of the game, though by no means all of them.

Two West Indies captains, Gary Sobers and Clive Lloyd, both of whom played county cricket in England, have been outstanding examples. Both were players of great talent: Gary Sobers is one of the two or three greatest all-rounders in the history of the game. Both were keen competitors. Neither was a man of conceit, both had and have sweet natures. Both are honourable men.

The same is obviously true of Devon Malcolm. Watching his television interview after he had taken nine wickets for 57 runs at the Oval was like going back in a time machine to the years before 1914. His values of modesty, good humour and amusement at his own success were exactly the values of the young cricketers who went out to France and died on the Somme. They are also the values of the heroes of P.G. Wodehouse's school stories which were written just before the Great War. Someone on the cricket field says to Psmith — who is an anti-hero to Mike Jackson — "Talking of side, you stick it on." Devon Malcolm puts on no side.

One reason offered for the rejection of these old values by modern English cricketers is that they are not effective. When one considers the actual record of English sides in what might be termed their merchant banking period, one can doubt whether hyper-professionalism has actually improved their performance. If one thinks of the great gentlemen of the history of cricket, Gary Sobers, Clive Lloyd, David Gower, Devon Malcolm of the modern age, perhaps Hedley Verity and G.O. Allen — who refused to bowl bodyline because he thought it was not cricket — between the wars, Ranjitsinhji, another non-English player, and the mythical G.A. Lohmann before 1914, one would be happy to back them against the great professionals: admittedly the professionals might well be captained by W.G. Grace himself. Lohmann is the only English fast bowler to produce a better statistical performance than Devon Malcolm. He took nine wickets for 28 runs, also against South Africa, at Johannesburg in the 1895-96 Tour, but had more help from the wicket.

One could argue the opposite case. The great champions of chivalry, the fabulous Knights of King Arthur's Round Table or King Edward III's original Knights of the Garter, were all excellent at their job. They could afford to be chivalrous partly because they won their jousts and won their battles. It is the dark-hearted knight who knows he may not be quite as good as his opponent who feels the need to strike a blow before the herald has blown his trumpet, or nobbles his opponent's horse. Anyone who can deliver as good a ball as the one with which Devon Malcolm clean-bowled Hansie Cronje can perhaps afford to be modest, just as a billionaire can afford a good tip to the head waiter at The Savoy. Talent breeds self-confidence and self-confidence can lead to generosity. Meanness of talent can be reflected in meanness of spirit.

The black people of the Caribbean did of course see the English at their worst, but also at something close to their best. They saw the owners of the slave plantations, some of whom were foul and brutal people, trying to extract the last penny from their estates like too many of the absentee landlords in Ireland. Others, however, were trying to reform the system and genuinely trying to improve the lot of the slave community. At least a minority were devout Christians, some even Quakers, concerned to establish hospitals, schools and pension rights on their plantations.

Matthew Gregory Lewis, the author of the Gothic novel *The Monk*, died at sea from yellow fever returning from his estate in Jamaica in 1818. His journals, published in 1834, showed the problems, including the hostility of fellow plantation owners, which confronted a welfare-minded proprietor who did not believe in the system he had inherited.

His closing words may sound patronising, but reflect a real contemporary attitude. "What other Negroes may be, I will not pretend to guess; but I am certain that there cannot be more tractable or better disposed persons (take them for all in all) than my Negroes of Cornwall. I only wish that in my future dealings with white persons, whether in Jamaica or out of it, I could but meet with half so much gratitude, affection and goodwill." One has to remember that the British Empire was in part the history of adventurers, military or commercial, and in part that of men of duty who performed works of justice and care with high integrity for little money.

A cultural legacy is always complex; there is a warmth and generosity of spirit in the black cultures of Africa which may have been reinforced by the better part of the English culture in the colonial period. Just as Indians use English phrases which first entered their vocabulary in the 19th century, so the Caribbean people may have been influenced by the altruism as well as the negative aspects of the imperial culture to which they were exposed. Britain, after all, is still greatly influenced by the Roman Empire. Whatever the reason, some old English values seem to survive better in the black than in the white community.

It is sad that so many English people, with far less excuse than the Caribbean people, have lost confidence in these values. My father, who saw more than he cared to remember of the Great War, would, I think, have put that down to the experience of the Western Front. His perception was that the gentlemen of all ranks died in the trenches while the cads of all ranks survived on the staff. For the rest of his life he never wavered in the belief that red tabs on a uniform meant, unless it was proved to the contrary, that a man was prepared to send other men to a death he had every intention of avoiding for himself. That perception at once made the gentlemen look weak and the Establishment look cynical. The English Establishment has not redeemed itself in the rest of the century.

Cricket is both a national and a moral game. It reflects the changing attitudes of the English to their country and to their own lives. When cricket is sick it is sometimes simply because the cycle of talent is at its low point, but it can also reflect a national malaise. Cricket demonstrates both our national weaknesses and virtues: we have seen enough of those weaknesses. In Devon Malcolm England not only has a great fast bowler, but someone who plays cricket in the old English style. He, rather than the cricket Establishment, honours a tradition that is under threat. It is nevertheless as great a mistake to hit him on the helmet as ever it was to bang Sir Lancelot on his visor.

Is Blair a Clinton clone?

Labour has many things to learn from the White House, says

Peter Riddell



Can a left-of-centre party any longer hope to be successful in government? That is a far more important question for Tony Blair as he returns from holiday than the ephemeral nonsense of the past few weeks. Much of the current Blair boom in the polls and the media will subside: the sooner the better for his own long-term interests. He is a party leader with a favourable opportunity, not a telegenic messiah. What really matters is whether Labour can appear as a convincing alternative government.

The overseas examples are not encouraging for Mr Blair. Across the Channel, most Socialist parties are on the defensive, as in France and Germany; in disarray, as in Spain; or disintegrating, as in Italy. To survive in office, Socialist parties have to trim to the centre, talking the language of markets and deregulation. That does not make these parties Thatcherite. After all, the continental Christian Democratic tradition, as well as the Social Democratic one, is more collectivist, accepting the social chapter and state intervention in industry, than the Conservative orthodoxy in Britain. But successful European Socialist parties have scaled down their ambitions, rejecting expanded public spending or big redistribution. There is continuing public hostility to higher taxes and financial market pressure to cut budget deficits.

The starkest warning for Mr Blair comes from America and the experience of the Clinton Administration since January 1993. Labour leaders have had close contacts with the Clinton team. Much of the rhetoric of the "modernisers" has echoes of Bill Clinton's campaign two years ago. The buzzwords are the same: renewal, choice, opportunity, responsibility and, above all, change.

Both Mr Clinton and the Labour "modernisers" focus on ordinary working people rather than just disaffected or minority groups. They seek to respond to people's insecurities about their jobs, incomes, crime, and standards in public services such as health and education. The party which can best address the insecurities of the middle class and skilled working class will win the next general election. Two years ago in America, George Bush barely began to deal with these concerns. His two opponents did in differing ways, and Ross Perot's successful anti-government campaign ensured that Mr Clinton was elected President with an unusually low percentage of the vote.

But that outcome should have been a cautionary signal to Mr Clinton. The American public may have wanted change, but it remained sceptical about the role of government and opposed to higher taxes. The consequent twists and turns have been vividly recounted in Bob Woodward's *The Agenda, Inside the Clinton White House*. This has been read this summer by the personal advisers of both John Major and Mr Blair. Like Mr Woodward's previous "insider" books, it is an act of faith since detailed accounts of conversations — in one case a bedroom chat between Bill and Hillary Clinton — are given without attribution. But the general Washington view is that the account is authentic in spirit, if not in all its details. The book lacks almost any attempt to put the events in context. Paradoxically, this literal-minded search for objectivity is a virtue as Mr Woodward brings out the struggles over the passage of the budget last year. On one side were political consultants such as James Carville and Paul Begala, who urged Mr Clinton to act as an outsider campaigning against the Washington Establishment on populist, soak-the-rich themes. On the other side were the economic team, such as Lloyd Bentsen and Leon Panetta, now White House Chief of Staff, most of whom favoured tough action to cut the deficit.

Mr Clinton abandoned and drastically cut back many of his original proposals for an immediate stimulus, a tax cut for the bulk of wage-earners (in American parlance, the middle class) and expanded social investments (spending on education, training and infrastructure). Instead, the emphasis shifted to deficit reduction. Mr Clinton was persuaded by the economic team and Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve (who emerges as a semi-tutor to the new President) that a big cut in the deficit would help to lower long-term interest rates and thus help to sustain recovery.

As important were the political pressures. The Republicans and conservative Democrats blocked the stimulus package and scaled back the social investments. In the end, despite laborious arm-twisting, the whole package was only approved by a whisker because there was no groundswell of popular support for it. Congressmen believed that their voters remained hostile to Big Government and did not share the President's view that a more active government could help to solve America's social and economic problems.

This contrast between the evident insecurity of voters about their position and prospects and their reluctance to support a more active government has been repeated this year over health reform. Continuing headlines about White House dissembling over the Whitewater affair have obviously sapped Mr Clinton's credibility. But the main reason his proposals are in such trouble is that the President has lost the argument. Many Americans may be dissatisfied by the current gaps in coverage and the high cost of healthcare, but they have not been convinced that expanded government involvement is the answer. Opposition to the Clinton plan has increased in the year since it was launched, despite intensive campaigning by the White House.

Attitudes about the role of the State are naturally different in Britain. But Mr Blair would be mistaken in believing that public dissatisfaction with the Tories can automatically be translated into support for more active government, especially if it means higher taxes. We are in a curious transitional phase when the Thatcherite revolution has run out of momentum, but there is no clear-cut, or widely accepted, replacement.

Party poopers

TONY Blair *is determined to crack down on crime, and where better to start than on his front doorstep?* Scotland Yard has been called in to investigate a theft which took place at or just after the Labour Party special conference last month where he was appointed leader.

Delegates to the conference have been sent a curious letter from the Labour Party's commercial sales manager, Nicki Lewis. It asks anyone who bought souvenirs from the party stand on the day to contact her. "We have encountered a problem with some of the purchases made from the Labour Party stand at the Special Conference on Thursday 21st July," it says.

Queries concerning the "problem" are rebuffed. "I really don't want to talk about it," says Lewis. The party's press office is no more forthcoming. "I have to say that for a variety of reasons I have nothing to say on the advice of the police."

Scotland Yard, however, elaborated: "A theft was reported between July 21 and 26 of £80 cash, a quantity of T-shirts, and one receipt book," says a spokesman. "The items were in boxes brought from the conference to Labour HQ and found to be missing on July 26. The boxes were padlocked. There was no sign of forced entry and there have been no arrests." One delegate yesterday suggested political motives. "The Conservatives are so terrified of Blair that they'll stop at nothing."

Unsure shot

MICHAEL HOWARD spent a bracing few days traipsing over the Scottish heather recently blasting at grouse on a sizeable estate near Blairgowrie with David Heathcoat-Amory, Conservative MP for Wells. The bag wasn't bad and he returned south last weekend happily refreshed before heading for South America.

Stupidly, he had left his gun behind in Scotland and sent an urgent plea for its speedy return. Another member of the shooting party brought it back, but I understand that Howard's gun was not all that the Home Secretary mislaid in connection with his shooting holiday. At the beginning of August, he made an equally impassioned plea to his local police station in Kent — explaining that he had lost his gun licence.

● *The curse of* Hello! *is well documented. But the curse of* House & Garden? *Scottish National Galleries director Tim Clifford, who spent last week begging John Paul Getty to forgive him over Canova's* The Three Graces, *proudly displays his home to the world in next month's issue. I understand that Lord Archer may follow suit.*

Naked truths

A BOOKSHOP in central London has hit upon a sure-fire winner to bring in the punters: nude and semi-clad models draped around the shop. Books Etc in the Charing Cross Road is putting on a peep-show in October for the launch of a seriously top-shelf art book by William Ewing called *The Body*.

Ewing has amassed 365 racy photographs by the likes of Robert Mapplethorpe and Man Ray. "The sensual curve of the hip. The disturbing pucker of the scar. The magnetic pull of the lashed eye," reads the blurb. "From 19th-century erotica to the sexual politics of the 1990s, this book provides a rich archive of bodily forms."

And to publicise the archive, Books Etc plans to black out its windows, leaving peep-holes for passers-by to peer through and gaze upon models. "There might be some G-strings," says Ewing's publisher, "but we are hoping for total nudity."



Loo role

HARRY Secombe will soon announce to the world where he developed his vocal talents: in an outside loo. His forthcoming programme for Radio 2, *Arias, Raspberries and the Rest*, explains how he was too nervous as a child to sing in front of all his relations at family get-togethers in Swansea.

"I managed to combine the two qualities of being desperately stage-struck and acutely shy, so my performance used to take place from the outside loo, with the door left open," he says. Acoustics could have been improved but he would belt out "Rock of Ages" or "Abide with Me" come rain, hail or snow. "It wasn't too bad in summer but the winter wind blows chill in Swansea Bay, and those hymns can still bring me out in goose pimples for all the wrong reasons."

Waugh wound

MILITARY cunning to Evelyn Waugh was more a question of boosting claret and port supplies to the mess than of taking the enemy head-on. On one occasion, however, when serving in the Balkans under Randolph Churchill (above right), he was ice-cool under fire.





Evelyn Waugh, Selina Hastings's biography of the novelist, due out in October, talks of a heavy air-raid with bombs and bullets ripping a farmyard to shreds. "Evelyn sauntered out wearing a white duffle-coat which might have been designed to attract enemy aim," she writes. "Randolph screamed at him. 'Take off that f****** coat! It's an order! It's a military order!' Without removing his coat, Waugh slowly lowered himself into the trench, quietly remarking to Churchill: 'I'll tell you what I think of your repulsive manners when the bombardment is over'." The incident caused a complete breach between the two men, lasting several days.

● *Few would have been more delighted with Devon Malcolm's demolition of South Africa's batsmen than Margaret Beckett, MP for Derby South — for she can claim credit for getting him into the England side. As his local MP, she was instrumental in securing for the Jamaican-born fast bowler a British passport after he started playing for Derbyshire in the early 1980s.*

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PEACE IN THEIR TIME

Ulster deserves better than a temporary IRA ceasefire

Rumours that the IRA is about to announce a ceasefire have been in circulation for more than a year. Last summer it was whispered that Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, was about to make such an announcement at a press conference with a "very senior" American politician. Since the Downing Street declaration in December, reports of an imminent ceasefire have appeared almost weekly. It is against this background of official uncertainty and republican disinformation that current expectations of an announcement should be considered.

The very term "ceasefire" must be used with great caution in the context of Ulster's suffering. First, it makes a mockery of military terminology. Though the IRA would like to present itself as an army of freedom-fighters, it is a criminal organisation committed to a campaign of indiscriminate murder. The republican movement's attempts to dignify the IRA's murderous behaviour as the acts of soldiers should be treated with the contempt they deserve.

Secondly, a ceasefire is very different from a permanent cessation of violence. The latter would be an important statement of principle; the former would simply be a tactical decision, to be revoked as soon as the IRA leadership saw fit. If, as many predict, a three-month ceasefire is announced this month, Sinn Fein will claim to have captured the moral high ground and to have achieved political respectability. In fact, such a ceasefire would be nothing more than a promise not to kill anyone before late November. To the people of Ulster it would provide a welcome period of respite; to the people of the mainland it might seem to signal an end to the Troubles. But to the IRA it would simply be a bargaining-chip. Implicit in any ceasefire is the threat of resumed violence.

The terrorists should be left in no doubt of what is required of them. An unambiguous renunciation of violence must be a precondition of all else. Such an undertaking would have to be followed by the setting up of an offical arms dump where paramilitaries could deposit their weapons. No amnesty should be offered to IRA prisoners. A strong security presence would have to be maintained. Preliminary negotiations with Sinn Fein ought not to be considered without clear evidence that the IRA had given up its "armed struggle" once and for all.

There is no reason whatsoever to think that this is what the republican movement is preparing itself for. The IRA has often played — or hinted at playing — the ceasefire card: The so-called truce of 1975 was nothing of the kind: 247 people were killed and 2,663 injured during the year. Christmas ceasefires have become a cynical institution ending in predictable bloodshed. The 72-hour ceasefire in April achieved nothing but more publicity for Sinn Fein. Since the *Downing Street declaration, the republican* leadership has repeatedly suggested that the IRA is preparing to lay down its arms. Meanwhile, the violence has continued in the province and on the mainland.

What must be asked above all is why the republican movement is considering this tactic. Already this month, it has planted bombs in two British seaside resorts and attacked three Protestant bars in 24 hours. Mr Adams addressed 10,000 supporters outside Belfast City Hall the weekend before last. For an organisation said by many to be battle-weary, the IRA is still alarmingly active; for a party which has scant electoral appeal, Sinn Fein is in a remarkably triumphalist mood. If the IRA announces a lengthy ceasefire in the next days or weeks, the British Government must not be rushed into concessions of any kind. For if the men of violence make such a gesture, it will not be because they think they have lost, but because they think they have won.

THE MACEDONIANS OF GREECE

Athenian hubris and the denial of ethnic identity

A member of the European Union, Greece, challenges the presumption that violations of human rights are commonplace only in "less happy lands". In a disconcerting report, *Macedonian Minorities*, published today by the British Helsinki Human Rights Group, Greece stands accused of systematic discrimination against its Slav Macedonian minority, and of a government campaign to deny this group its ethnic identity.

As our Diplomatic Correspondent writes, the report compares the treatment of ethnic minorities in Greece with that of minorities in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. It is a piquant comparison, for no other Greek policy — in the catalogue of elements which underline Greece's dissonance with other members of the EU — has aggravated Athens's relations with its allies as its hounding of Macedonia.

Yet there is a matter in which Greece has, until now, escaped the censure it deserves: the treatment by Athens of its Slav Macedonian minority. Great resources, and greater energy, have been spent on "proving" that there are no such things in Greece as a Macedonian people and language. The Prime Minister, Andreas Papandreou, has formally denied the existence of a Macedonian minority, setting an example of intolerance which the more extreme members of his government — and his society — have not been slow to exploit.

The authors of *Macedonian Minorities* have employed as their litmus test the methods of the Badinter Commission. This commission was constituted in December 1991 to advise the European Community on the recognition of former Yugoslav republics as independent states. Its remit was to ascertain whether they satisfied the legal criteria for statehood — namely, a permanent population, defined territory, effective government and independence — as well as providing adequate constitutional protections for ethnic minorities. Although the commission found in favour of Macedonia, the issue was hijacked by Athens, delaying the country's admission to the United Nations.

There is much irony in this episode. Were fulfilment of the Badinter criterion — of adequate constitutional protections for minorities — to be demanded of Greece, now at Macedonia's throat, Athens would simply fail the test. Greece denies Slav Macedonians the right to identify themselves as such, disallows the formation of Macedonian cultural associations, and denies pupils any instruction in the Macedonian language at school. It is not reluctant to prosecute those who seek to challenge state policy on the question.

The EU cannot ignore the case of Hristos Sideropoulos, for it runs counter to the most basic values of European society. The best-known activist among Slav Macedonians in Greece, he has been prosecuted under the Greek criminal code for "disseminating rumours which may disrupt the international relations of the country" and "inciting citizens to disturb the peace through disharmony among them". His crime was to call on Athens to recognise Macedonia, and to assert that Slav Macedonians were entitled to "associations, schools, churches and traditions". Greece has tried to stifle his voice: Britain should offer him asylum.

DEBATING DISABILITY

It is pointless to pretend that sport is not élitist

Spare a thought for Arthur Tunstall, the 72-year-old Australian vice-president of the Commonwealth Games Federation, as he is pilloried by the politically correct. Mr Tunstall stands condemned for making the following statement on the eve of the Commonwealth Games, at which the disabled have been integrated into the Games for the first time: "I do not believe that they should be integrated with the Commonwealth Games. I can tell you it's an embarrassment for those people and for the athletes in the village."

The second part of his statement is offensive. His is the language of an older Australian generation, bemused by new-fangled debates about whether their country was "settled" or "invaded"; and bemused too, no doubt, by the high profile accorded to representatives of the Coast Salish Nation at the Games' opening ceremony. But his first point — that the disabled have no place at a Games for the able-bodied — merits serious attention. The row over an ill-chosen word, "embarrassing", must not be allowed to choke off an important debate.

There are few sights in sport more inspiring than that of the disabled athlete battling to excel, in a milieu that society has been slow to provide for him. In the struggle and perseverance of these irrepressible competitors, there are lessons for all of us: other disabled people can draw comfort and inspiration, using the *example of sportsmen* to ward off despair; and the able-bodied are made to see the potential that resides within a section of society that is still too easily dismissed as marginal. This is why there are — and always must be — occasions such as the Paralympics, separate Games for a distinctive kind of competitor. And dissimilarity has not to do with conventional disability alone. Other differences are also recognised habitually: there are separate tournaments in a variety of sports for the over-40s, for example; or the under-19s; or, come to think of it, the Commonwealth. Yet the battalions of the politically correct, from whom Mr Tunstall has received such a buffeting, have cried foul at the suggestion that it would be more appropriate for the disabled to participate in a tournament which was not conceived as an occasion for only the most able of able-bodied athletes.

To seek to exclude the disabled from the Commonwealth Games is neither an exercise in crude physical aestheticism, nor an attempt to deny them a forum for competition. On the contrary, it is an attempt to safeguard the integrity of all sporting and physical competition. Sport, at the level of international competition, is a particular species of human activity which involves physical excellence that is, by definition, abnormal.

To regard the Commonwealth Games, or the Olympics, as microcosms of society would be to elicit a guffaw from the nearest 7ft-tall high-jumper. These are exceptional occasions, and are quite unsuited to exercises in social therapy, however well-intentioned. Mr Tunstall should be criticised for his language, perhaps, but not for his message.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Unemployment now hits all classes

From Mr Frank Allaun

Sir, "If Labour wins the next election it will be because the Conservatives have alienated their natural supporters", states your editorial, "The bosses' revolt" (August 17).

Whilst it is true, as shown by *The Sunday Times* MORI poll in June, to which you refer, that the percentage of those unemployed has risen fastest in the professional and upper middle classes, it is nowhere near the level now reached in the lower income groups. And, as Philip Bassett's analysis (also August 17) makes clear, both the numbers in, and unemployed in, the three lower groups far exceed those in the top brackets.

For the first time every class of society has suffered seriously. Despite the reduction of 330,000 in the unemployed total since December, 1990, there are still 2,632,000 officially out of work, which is more than double the total in 1979, when the Conservative Government took over. Moreover there are several ways in which the present regime has massaged the figures of those out of work.

It is little wonder that many long-time Tory voters are disillusioned. The country is crying out for immediate steps to provide more jobs, which can be done in many ways.

To mention just one: in order to help the architects (referred to in your leader), the building operatives and those having to live in unfit homes, the Government should forthwith remove its veto on local authorities using the £5.4 billion lying idle in their coffers to build and repair council houses for letting to the one third of the nation's families who cannot afford to buy even with a mortgage.

Yours sincerely,
FRANK ALLAUN,
11 Eastleigh Road, Manchester 25.
August 18.

From Mr Neville Benbow

Sir, I was intrigued by your analysis of employment trends in terms of social class but your leading article fails to make one very important point: for managerial classes (professional and intermediate — classes A and B), a high proportion of the unemployment highlighted has been triggered not by recessionary forces, but by the massive restructuring of corporate Britain.

Recent Institute of Management surveys have confirmed this factor; the high incidence of de-layering and restructuring has been motivated less by recession than by the twin needs to drive down fixed costs and to achieve greater flexibility. The emphasis that is now being placed on improving competitiveness will inevitably see this propensity to cut costs continue.

Our 1993 survey of Britain's top chief executives showed that two thirds of organisations were likely to restructure over the next four years, with three quarters of these restructurings expected to lead to further managerial job losses. This year's survey is expected to confirm this trend.

Despite the upturn in employment prospects for professional classes recorded in your analysis, we delude ourselves if we believe that economic recovery will stem the haemorrhage of managerial job losses.

Yours faithfully,
N. A. BENBOW
(Head of External Policy),
The Institute of Management,
3rd Floor, 2 Savoy Court,
Strand, WC2.
August 17.

From Mr Robert Crawley

Sir, It is a pity that Philip Bassett's analysis concentrates largely on the "official unemployment" figures, which derive from those claiming unemployment benefit. These therefore exclude those who are being given training (which may or may not help them to become re-employed), those out of work for more than six months, and those taking casual/temporary jobs because nothing else is available.

This results in the apparently "complex pattern" noted by Mr Bassett, such that in social group B the rates of unemployment *and* of those in employment are both rising.

Given the cynical and/or vapid thinking which emanates from many Conservative politicians, it is difficult to judge whether this Government is trying to fool the voters or trying more to fool itself by continuing to publish the "official unemployment" figures.

It must now be time to scrap this measure as one of any economic significance, and instead to start using figures giving those in full-time and those in part-time employment. This has to provide a more meaningful measure of economic activity.

Yours faithfully,
R. CRAWLEY,
The Old House, Gas Lane,
Braywick, Maidenhead, Berkshire.
August 17.

From Mr John van Peborgh Gooch

Sir, In Philip Bassett's article the large percentage increases in unemployment from 1990 to 1994 quoted for each class (ranging from 51 per cent to 267 per cent) are higher than the "all" figure of 46 per cent, which one would expect to be an average. This apparent mathematical contradiction results from the Central Statistical Office being unable to categorise 35 per cent of claimants by class in 1990, compared to only 17 per cent today. This leads to considerable increases in each class that are due to the CSO's efficiency rather than increases in unemployment.

An additional "class unknown" category would show a 181,000 decrease, or a fall of 29 per cent.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GOOCH,
Trinity College, Cambridge.
August 17.

Powell theory on execution of Jesus

From the Sub-Dean of Westminster

Sir, I cannot agree with the sub-heading of your leading article of August 15, "Who casts the first stone?", that Enoch Powell's contention about the death of Jesus "deserves a serious reception".

I have had the benefit of reading a review copy of Mr Powell's book. His argument is that the story of Jesus's trial and execution by Pilate can be shown by literary analysis to be a duplicate of the account of the trial before the Jewish authorities. Since the second story ends with an execution, Mr Powell claims that the first (its original) must have done so also: but that this — a Jewish execution by stoning — was suppressed when the second account was added. It has never reappeared, except in Mr Powell's imagination.

According to Mr Powell's reconstruction, the document in which this account occurred was written around the year 65 of the Christian era. In other parts of the New Testament we have statements which can be dated at least 25 years earlier and which testify to the general belief that Jesus was crucified. Subsequent evidence, both Christian and pagan, is unanimous.

The only dissenting voice that Mr Powell can cite in favour of his view is that of a hypothetical document which is the product of his own unaided reconstruction. It is, I fear, another case where his impressive powers of logical analysis have led him to an unsustainable conclusion.

Yours faithfully,
A. E. HARVEY,
Westminster Abbey,
3 Little Cloister, SW1.
August 17.

From Mr Peter Fitzgibbon

Sir, The arguments that Dr Peter Jones uses (article, August 17) to refute Mr Powell's assertion that Jesus was stoned to death could as well be used to support that assertion. A crowded city in chaos at the time of Passover would not have been a good moment for the prefect of a small Roman garrison to sanction the execution of a potential Jewish king. It would have been all too tempting for him to wash his hands of the matter and allow those in the Jewish community who had an interest in maintaining the status quo to deal with the problem.

Yours faithfully,
PETER FITZGIBBON,
11 St Johns Place, Canterbury, Kent.
August 17.

From Mrs Gwen Staveley

Sir, How significant it was that Jesus did not enlist his 12 disciples from a group of intellectuals! Faith is totally a matter of acceptance, of belief without proof, of becoming as little children if we are to enter the state of bliss which Christ called the Kingdom of Heaven.

He spoke, lived and died using metaphors as a way of transmitting, through illustration, infinite but indefinable truths. Those who heard this charismatic preacher and teacher had no difficulty in understanding.

Trouble began when an early Church had to have its attendant administration with all the inevitable wranglings and clutter.

Yours faithfully,
GWEN STAVELEY,
23 Anlaby Park Road North,
Anlaby Park, Hull, Humberside.
August 17.

From Mr Peter Croft

Sir, You are wrong in your assertion (leader today) that Josephus records anything about Jesus. The passage in which he purports to do so is quite clearly an interpolation, and to the best of my knowledge accepted as such by all serious students. It is glaringly out of place: it interrupts a close logical connection between the preceding and subsequent paragraphs, and it does not occur in at least one early text.

There is no generally accepted contemporary or near-contemporary reference to Jesus, other than the New Testament. These accounts are so confused, contradictory, and where verifiable demonstrably false that no one would hang a dog on their evidence. It is a continual source of amazement to me that either Mr Powell or anyone else can take them seriously as a proper object of scholarship.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CROFT,
Blackmoor,
20 Tenison Avenue, Cambridge.
August 17.

Citizens' patrols

From Mr Peter Loyd

Sir, With the Home Secretary's unrealistic call for Neighbourhood Watch street patrols, Paul Barker ("A local army puffing after the criminals", August 16) rushes to conclude that Neighbourhood Watch "has clearly failed". But this is not so.

In Hampstead Garden Suburb and its surrounding area 55 active Neighbourhood Watches cover 4,985 homes. Crime is now lower than it has been for 10 years: the NW11 and N2 postal districts, once regarded as the highest burglary risk areas in London, are now amongst the lowest. In 1990, when burglary rates nationally increased by 16 per cent and in the Metropolitan Police area by 15 per cent, our burglary rate reduced by 10.4 per cent. This downward trend is still evident.

Of course, these undoubted successes are not due solely to Neighbourhood Watch. We work in close partnership with our local police, to whom much of the credit is due. Nevertheless, it is because a large majority of our residents heed and act on all the excellent advice that they receive through Neighbourhood Watch that many criminals are unable to achieve their objectives.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LOYD,
12 Meadway,
Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11.

From Mr Bryan Coleby

Sir, Your report (August 15) that the Home Secretary believes patrols by Neighbourhood Watch groups to be an effective way to reduce crime is disturbing. Neither the police, nor the vast majority of Neighbourhood Watchers, share this view.

At the National Neighbourhood Watch Conference which I attended last December, Mr Howard surprised his audience by announcing this proposal, and giving it his personal backing. The conference later spent an hour debating the question of patrols and voted decisively against them on a show of hands.

Speakers remarked that such patrols could lead to confrontations — perhaps violent — between neighbours; that Watchers are often middle-aged or elderly, not especially fit or athletic, and neither trained nor insured for such activities; and that the main purpose of the Home Secretary's proposal seemed to be to save money rather than tackle crime effectively.

Several said they would resign rather than take part in patrols; and the Neighbourhood Watch group to which I belong voted unanimously against the idea. One wonders why Mr Howard persists with his proposal.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN COLEBY,
Pathfields, Northchapel,
Petworth, West Sussex.
August 16.

Healthcare 2000

From the Director of The Patients Association

Sir, It is often the fate of the patient to be seen but not heard; now it seems we have not been seen either. Some readers have apparently reached for their pens (letters, August 8, 18) without seeing that the Patients Association was in fact listed among the signatories to the letter (July 28) announcing the Healthcare 2000 initiative.

The Patients Association's stated aim is "to protect and develop the interests, rights and wellbeing of users and potential users of the health services in the United Kingdom".

We intend to make sure that the patient's voice is heard.

Yours faithfully,
LINDA LAMONT,
Director,
The Patients Association,
18 Victoria Park Square,
Bethnal Green, E2.
August 19.

Art resources

From Professor Beverly Griffin-Dougall

Sir, I was dismayed on reading the very negative article by Richard Cork (Arts, August 18) on the Tate's new Gallery of Modern Art at Bankside. May I make a positive proposal?

If the Tate really has a meagre collection of suitable art for this building, why doesn't it begin to rectify this by negotiating to rescue the wonderful Matthew Smith collection from the Corporation of London — more than 1,000 works of art rarely seen — then build on our own excellent modern artists, such as those currently on display at the Flowers East Gallery?

Surely Bankside is a case for rejoicing, at least for lovers of modern art.

Yours faithfully,
BEVERLY GRIFFIN-DOUGALL,
17a North Road, Highgate, N6.
August 18.

Missing links

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, Mr Hugh David (letter, August 17) says that he can recall names of the "Parliament-street" type in the 1930s.

I have a copy of the now defunct periodical *Viz*, the journal of the Names Society, dated September 25, 1977, in which the addresses of the officers of the society are given in this form. The treasurer, for example, was in "Fairdene-rd".

On the other hand, I also have a reprint of James Thorne's *Handbook to the Environs of London*, published in 1876, in which all street names are of the modern type.

There must have been much vacillation in the intervening century.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROOM,
12 High Street,
St Martin's, Stamford, Lincolnshire.
August 17.

From Mr Philip Ray

Sir, The hyphen-and-lower-case manner of referring to roads was certainly still in use when I worked as a reporter on the long-defunct *Crawley Weekly News* in 1956-57. I seem to recall querying the usage, only to be told that it was the printer's "house style" and therefore sacrosanct.

Perhaps your archivist could enlighten us as to when *The Times*, as a watchdog of good journalistic practice, ceased to use the hyphen.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP RAY,
6 Cleve Terrace,
Lewes, East Sussex.
August 18.

From Miss Wendy Slemen

Sir, When I joined the staff of the magazine *Building* in 1972 the house style for street names was still hyphen and lower case. The style's demise was perhaps part of a general hyphen-dropping trend, though the poor hyphen remains misunderstood and ill used.

My inclination to expound is restrained by the lesson I learnt as a sub-editor: the road to madness is paved with arguments about hyphens.

Yours faithfully,
WENDY SLEMEN,
Flat 6, 120 Whitfield Street, W1.
August 17.

Where charity ends?

From Mr Alistair Horne

Sir, Your article, "Where charity ends at home" (August 17), refers to a particularly spiteful personal attack on me by Jeremy Paxman, in *The Spectator*. It would be grotesque in my view to suggest — as it has been — that anyone in this village, including myself, does not want children here. Those who oppose the so-called "Turville project" have repeatedly made it clear that they are *not* against the former school being used as a holiday centre for inner-city children, but *are* against its residential usage.

The disused school building, close to the centre of this small village, never was residential, and the holiday scheme would seem unfair to those living in the immediate vicinity (which we do not), who justifiably seek peace and quiet in their homes during the six summer weeks proposed. It would be equally unfair to the children themselves, for whom Turville offers none of the facilities, such as sea, river, mountains or farms, shop or cinema, essential for an uninhibited happy holiday.

It is not just one mean-minded historian who has opposed the Turville project but a clear majority of the village, all of whose names Mr Paxman has. Has he, I wonder, made any attempt to canvass the feelings of the villagers who, rightly or wrongly, consider their lives may become deeply prejudiced?

I am accused by Mr Paxman of planting trees on our 12 acres of field out of self-interest. The original scheme envisaged the purchase and expansion of the existing school building by some 50 per cent at an overall cost of £400,000. The resulting building in a designated area of outstanding natural beauty — so most of the village felt — would have proved a blot on the landscape.

I feel passionately that if you are lucky to live in an unravished corner of England you hold it on trust for posterity. Hence the trees — to screen the enlarged building from the exquisite thirteenth-century church, as well as ourselves and the rest of the village.

The proposed expansion has been shelved for lack of funds but no one can be sure that it may not be revived at some future date. The expenditure of £400,000 on so relatively few children (imagine what wonderful Mediterranean holidays could be purchased for them from the annual income on such a sum!) also struck many of us as quite unethical.

I am etc,
ALISTAIR HORNE,
The Old Vicarage, Turville,
Nr Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Bang up to date

From the Reverend J. D. Corbett

Sir, Under "Church services tomorrow" (August 13) you listed York Minster, with "12.30, Mixed heavy anti-aircraft battery service".

Can your readers suggest a suitable order of service with apt hymns and readings, and how many canons should be present?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN CORBETT,
The Vicarage,
Church Avenue,
King's Sutton, Banbury, Oxfordshire.
August 13.

COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
August 20: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Royal visits

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, will visit Arnhem to mark the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem and attend a commemoration at the memorial on the original drop zone at Ginkel Heide on September 17.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, will attend a memorial service at the British Military Cemetary, Oosterbeek, The Netherlands, on September 18.

Appointments in the forces

Army

Colonels: F A Bush - To MOD, August 22, 1994; A P Deed - To HQ Edist, August 22, 1994; T E Hall - To IMS Brussels, August 15, 1994.

Lieutenant-Colonels: S M Alabaster Coldm Gds - To Nato Sch Shape, August 22, 1994; H G R *Boscawen Coldm Gds* - To be CO 1 Coldm Gds, August 22, 1994; A J Briggs R Signals - To Mod, August 22, 1994; R Z A Ciaglinski AGC (ETS) - To be Svc Attache Warsaw, August 22, 1994; G M V Gillett RA - To RMCS, August 22, 1994; T C Jarvis-Bicknell Kings Own Border - To BMM Kuwait, August 26, 1994.

Retirements

Colonels: R B Watson Late RLC, August 29, 1994; B A E Chapman Late RAMC, August 26, 1994; P F Lutter Late RAMC, August 25, 1994.

Royal Air Force

Wing Commanders: A S Hargreaves - To HQ Afcent, August 22, 1994; D Sharples - To HQ Afnorthwest, August 22, 1994.

Air Vice-Marshal: C C C Coville - to be Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff Operational Requirements (Air), September 5, 1994.

Birthdays today

Mr Dave Alderson, former governor, Exeter Prison, 61; Miss Mary Allen, secretary-general, Arts Council of England, 43; Mr P.H.B. Allsop, publisher, 70; Sir John Banham, chairman, Tarmac, 54; Mr Marc Bohan, fashion designer, 68; Mr Ray Bradbury, author, 74; Professor Sir Colin Buchanan, urban planner, 87; M Henri Cartier-Bresson, photographer, 86; Major-General Earl Cathcart, 75; Sir Richard Catling, former Commissioner of Kenyan Police, 82; Professor Sir Cyril Astley Clarke, geneticist, 87; Professor R.H. Clarke, director, National Radiological Protection Board, 51; Mr A. Coppel, group chief executive, Queens Moat Houses, 44; Mr Steve Davis, snooker player, 37; Mr Somerset de Chair, former MP, 83; Judge Anne Downey, 58; Mr Derek Fatchett, MP, 49; Mr Max Hebditch, director, Museum of London, 57; Mr Donald MacLeary, ballet dancer, 57; Sir James Menter, former principal, Queen Mary College, 73; Mr Alun Michael, MP, 51; Sir Leo Pliatzky, civil servant, 75; Mr Boris Schapiro, former world bridge champion, 85; General Norman Schwarzkopf, former Commander US Central Command, 60; Mr Karlheinz Stockhausen, composer and conductor, 66; Sir Anthony Tuke, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 74; Mr Mats Wilander, tennis player, 30.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Denis Papin, physicist, Blois, France, 1647; Comte Jean de La Pérouse, Pacific explorer, Albi, France, 1741; Henry Maudsley, inventor of the metal lathe, Woolwich, 1771; Thomas Tredgold, engineer, Brandon, Durham, 1788; Edward Pusey, theologian, leader of Oxford Movement, Pusey, Berkshire, 1800; Samuel Langley, aeronautics pioneer, Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1834; John Forrest, 1st Baron Forrest of Bunbury, explorer and politician, Bunbury, Western Australia, 1847; Claude Debussy, composer, St Germain-en-Laye, 1862; Jacques Lipchitz, sculptor, Druskininkai, Lithuania, 1891; Percy George Herbert Fender, Surrey and England cricketer, London, 1892; Dorothy Parker, short story writer, poet, West End, New Jersey, 1893.

DEATHS: Richard III, reigned 1483-85, killed at battle of Bosworth Field, 1485; Jan Kochanowski, poet, Lublin, Poland, 1584; George Lyttleton, 1st Baron Lyttleton, statesman, historian and poet, Hagley, Worcestershire, 1773; Jean-Honore Fragonard, painter, Paris, 1806; Warren Hastings, 1st Governor-General of India, Daylesford, Oxfordshire, 1818; Franz Joseph Gall, physiologist, Paris, 1828; George Shillibeer, omnibus pioneer, Brighton, 1866; Robert Cecil, 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, Prime Minister 1885-86, 1987-92, 1895-1900 and 1900-02, Hatfield House, Hertfordshire, 1903; Michael Collins, Irish patriot and IRA leader, killed in an ambush, Beal-na-Blath, Cork, 1922; Sir Oliver Lodge, physicist, Lake, Wiltshire, 1940; Michel Fokine, ballet dancer and choreographer, New York, 1942; William Richard Morris, 1st Viscount Nuffield, motor-car magnate and philanthropist, Huntercombe, Oxfordshire, 1963; Jomo Kenyatta, President of Kenya 1964-78, Mombasa, 1978.

The English Civil War began, 1642.

United States annexed New Mexico, 1846.

BT launched first pocket-phones for use within 100 yds of a public base station, 1989.

University news

Reading

The following to be professors: Dr M J Baines (Applied Mathematics), Dr J B Bullen (English), Dr M W Dick (Mycobiology), V K Edwards (Language in Education), Dr F P McKenna (Psychology), Dr K Pye (Environmental Sedimentology), Dr R Walsh (Chemical Kinetics).

The following to be readers: Dr D C Berry (Psychology), Dr C J H Duggan (Italian History), Dr P Hollins (Surface Science), Dr D S Leake (Biochemistry of Atherosclerosis), Dr D S Mottram (Food Chemistry), Dr S Nortcliff (Soil Science), Dr D E Purdy (Accounting), Dr E C Robertson (History of Art), Dr R Samuel (Music), Dr K P Shine (Physical Meteorology).

To be senior lecturers: Dr K J Brehony (Education Studies and Management), Mr K T Bright (Construction Management & Engineering), Dr A E Curry (History), Dr R J Esslemont (Agriculture), Mr P R Ghandhi (Law), Dr R J B Jones (Politics), Dr A M Mannion (Geography), Dr R J Mitchell (Cybernetics), Dr D S G Stirling (Mathematics).

Nature notes

Mixed flocks of greenfinches and goldfinches are sitting in long lines on telephone wires. The greenfinches feed on charlock and other brassica seeds, while the goldfinches take the seeds from the thistledown. They go up to the wires when they have eaten enough, and are sometimes joined there by starlings and swallows. Solitary grey wagtails are coming down from the hill streams where they nested, and appearing by the edge of lakes and ponds. They are misleadingly named, since they are slatey-grey above but bright yellow beneath. Families of pied wagtails are chasing insects in muddy places: they are quarrelsome birds and constantly fly at each other with their long tails bouncing. Redlegs, or spotted persicaria, is abundant now at the edge of potato fields: it has small spikes of pink flowers, red stalks, and a mark like a dried bloodstain on every leaf. Tansy is common in the ditches: its flowerhead is like a collection of yellow buttons, and it smells of lemon. The dandelion-like flowers of bristly ox-tongue are turning to feathery seeds: its leaves are prickly and covered with white weals. A new generation of small tortoiseshell butterflies is emerging and settling on the buddleia.



The grey wagtail

DJM

Latest wills

Mr Vincente Canada **Blanch**, of Valencia, Spain, left estate in England and Wales valued at £3,207,933 net.

Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs June Louise **Biddell**, of Yelverton, Devon £692,432
Mr Christopher William **Bowring**, of Warsop, Notts £1,303,519
Mr Brian Glyn **Conway**, of Bexhill on Sea, East Sussex £589,901
Mrs Jessie **Cooper**, of Tickenham, Avon £572,595
Mr Leonard David **Grouse**, of Cheam, Surrey £1,041,090
Mr John Roger **Mellor**, of Bakewell, Derbyshire £642,453
Mrs Lucy Margaret **O'Connor**, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire £1,029,635
Mr Graham Michael **Paton**, of Hampton Bishop, Herefordshire £738,130
Mrs Winifred Lucy **Price**, of Westgate on Sea, Kent £1,184,502
Mrs Dorothy Emily **Stevens**, of Sevenoaks, Kent £564,578
Mrs Doreen Alice **Wallis**, of Wroughton, Wilts £1,000,297



ROBIN MAYES

Victoria Nott, second daughter of the Bishop of Norwich, and Angus Saer in the grounds of Norwich Cathedral after their marriage on Saturday

Archaeology

Irish burial mound poses 1,000-year-old mystery

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A 1,000-year-old Irish mystery has baffled archaeologists working at one of the country's major prehistoric sites.

A huge hole dug into an ancient burial mound had no apparent purpose, and the tons of stone taken from it have disappeared.

The great mound at Knowth, in the Boyne valley 30 miles north of Dublin, is one of Ireland's most impressive monuments. Like its near neighbour, the famous site of Newgrange, it was constructed around 2500BC as a tomb: two megalithic chambers, decorated with some of the most elaborate early art in the British Isles, lie beneath a high bowl-shaped tumulus built up from layers of turf, shale and river boulders.

Long after its abandonment as a burial place, Knowth was occupied in the Early Christian period, and subsequently was used as the keep of a Norman castle. The great pit uncovered in the current excavations has been provisionally dated to the 10th century AD by Professor George Eogan of University College Dublin, who has directed excavations at Knowth for almost 30 years. The pit cut into the western side of the mound, and reached down to the roof slabs of the megalithic tomb chamber. Tons of stone were removed, but are nowhere to be found on the site. The cut remained open for only a short time, since little erosion occurred, before it was refilled with freshly-quarried rock from an unknown source.

"It was a massive operation, and we have no idea why they did it," Professor Eogan said.

The megalithic chamber had already been penetrated, and was probably used as a subterranean store by the Early Christian inhabitants, so the pit was not in search of the treasures often believed to lie under ancient barrows.

The restitution of the mound is also a mystery: the diggers had no reason to do so, since they were not using the top for any purpose at that time, Professor Eogan said.

The pit did destabilise part of the megalithic tomb, however: some slabs were found to have slumped and cracked. Although an initial record was made of the art in the chamber and passage when it was discovered in 1967, Professor Eogan is now directing an urgent programme of detailed drawing of the decorated slabs, which he says form almost a replica of the motifs and their locations in the eastern tomb.

The other discovery, and one likely to prove politically sensitive, is of a sheet of white quartz fragments spread in front of the entrance to the western tomb. It formed part of a complex set of ritual features that also included stone-lined depressions and a standing stone on the projected axis of the tomb.

A similar mass of white quartz was found at Newgrange, and was there interpreted by the late Professor Michael O'Kelly as the fallen remains of a dramatic white façade. As a result, Newgrange has been restored by the Office of Public Works with a brilliant white front, visible from miles away.

Professor Eogan believes that the quartz formed a flat surface on the ground and was never part of the facing of either tomb.

Marriages

Mr A.A. Saer and Miss V.R. Nott

The marriage took place on Saturday in Norwich Cathedral of Mr Angus Saer, eldest son of Mr Albert C. Saer, of Lucan, Republic of Ireland, and of Mrs Sandra M.H. Saer, of Watersfield, Sussex, to Miss Victoria Nott, second daughter of the Bishop of Norwich and Mrs Nott.

The Bishop of Norwich and the Rev G.R. Drake officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Andrew Nott, was attended by Elizabeth Nott, Alexandra Stone, Harriet and Samuel Andrews, Edmund Adair, Camilla Stagg and Miss Arabella Saer. Mr Nigel Lake was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R.T.B. Royden and Miss A.J. Darling

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's, Silverstone, Northamptonshire, of Mr Richard Royden, younger son of Sir Christopher and Lady Royden, of Ablington, Gloucestershire, to Miss Annabel Darling, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Darling, of Abthorpe. The Rev Douglas Bond officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Royden, James Cuthbert, Jack Clutterbuck, Harriet Loder, Max Petley, Sophie Sutton and Miss Emma Royden. Mr Tim Ruthven was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr R.G. Collier-Wright and Miss A. Textorisova

The marriage between Mr Richard Collier-Wright and Miss Andrea Textorisova took place on Saturday, August 13, 1994, at Banska Bystrika, Slovakia.

Mr A.O. Gordon and Miss S.A. Carroll

The marriage took place on Sunday, August 21, 1994, in Holy Cross & St Michael's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, London, NW11, of Mr Andrew Gordon, only son of Mr and Mrs Roy Gordon, of Edmonton, London, to Miss Shirley Carroll, eldest daughter of Mr Raymond Carroll, of London, and Mrs Marie Carroll, of Dublin. Bishop Aristarchos officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Christine Carroll, Christine Sotiriou and Lucy Sitton. Mr Nicholas Nicou was best man.

A reception was held at the Forte Crest, Bloomsbury, WC1, and the honeymoon will be spent in the United States.

Mr I.M. Gray and Miss B. Eberle

The marriage took place on Saturday at St John's Church, Hagley, Worcestershire, of Mr Ian Gray, younger son of Dr and Mrs K.R. Gray, Birmingham, and Miss Bettina Eberle, daughter of Herr and Frau Eberle, of Mannheim, Germany. The Rev A. Brooksbank officiated. The bride who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Simone Ford and Charlotte Gray. Richard Langford was best man. A reception was held aboard MV *Conway Castle*.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E. Constantine and The Lady Lucy French

The engagement is announced between Emmanuel, younger son of Mr Konstantinos and Mrs Efterpi Constantine, Greece, and Lucy, daughter of the late The Earl of Ypres and of The Countess of Ypres, London.

Mr R.J.B Smart and Miss F.M.T. Douglas-Hamilton

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Smart, of Edzell, Angus, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Douglas-Hamilton, of London.

Church news

Archdeacon of Chester

Rev Canon Christopher Hewetson, Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Headington Quarry and Rural Dean of Cowley, in the city and diocese of Oxford, is to be Archdeacon of Chester, succeeding the Ven Geoffrey Turner, now Bishop-designate of Stockport.

Archdeacon of Macclesfield

Rev Canon Richard Gillings, Vicar, Bramhall (Chester) to be also Archdeacon of Macclesfield, succeeding the Right Rev John Gaisford, now Bishop of Beverley, Episcopal Visitor for the Province of York and Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Bradford.

Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge

The Rev Jeremy Caddick, Chaplain to the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine and The Royal Veterinary College (London), and Priest Vicar of Westminster Abbey, is to be Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Rev Nigel Asbridge, Assistant Curate, St James, West Hampstead and St Mary, Kilburn: to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Innocents, Hornsey (London).

Rev Geoffrey Boland, Assistant Curate, Ormskirk (Liverpool): to be Assistant Curate, St Barnabas, *Woodside Park (London)*.

Rev Mark Bridgen, Assistant Curate, St Peter Mancroft, Norwich: to be Vicar, St John, Longbridge (Birmingham).

Rev John Chalk, (NSM), Mansfield Woodhouse, with permission to officiate, diocese Lichfield: to be Priest-in-charge, Salt and Sandon w. Burston (Lichfield).

Rev Paul Collins, Social Responsibility Officer (Blackburn): to be Rector, Worcester City Parish.

Rev Anthony Crowe, formerly Rector, Charlton St Luke w. Holy Trinity (Southwark): permission to officiate, Reculver deanery (Canterbury).

Canon John de Saussmarez, Canon Residentiary of Canterbury Cathedral: on retirement as from 1 October, permission to officiate, Thanet deanery, same diocese.

Rev Christine Gilbert, Industrial Chaplain, Bilston Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, Penkridge Team Ministry (Lichfield).

Rev Neil Green, Assistant Curate, St Paul and St Luke, Finchley: to be Assistant Curate, St James, Muswell Hill (London).

Canon David Marriott, formerly Vicar, Wye w. Brook: permission to officiate, West Bridge deanery (Canterbury).

Rev Gordon Marsh, Curate to the Rural Dean of South Lympne (Canterbury): on retirement on October 2, permission to officiate South Lympne deanery.

Rev Brian Melbourne, Assistant Priest, St John's w. St Monica and St Augustine, Pembroke, Bermuda: to be Priest-in-charge, Biddenden and Smarden (Canterbury).

Rev John Musson, Assistant Curate, Nantwich (Chester): to be Assistant Curate, Christ Church, North Finchley (London).

Rev Peter Royston-Ball, Curate, All Saints', Scraptoft, and St Elizabeth, Nether Hall (Leicester): to be Vicar, St Augustine, Belvedere (Rochester).

Resignations and retirements

Rev David Byrne, Team Vicar, St Philip and St James, Hodge Hill (Birmingham): to resign as from August 31, and then have permission to officiate, same diocese.

The Rev Christopher Smith, Vicar, Christ the Carpenter, Dogsthorpe, (Peterborough): resigned as from July 31.

The Rev Mark Woodruff, Vicar, St Peter, Grange Park (London): resigned as from May 31.

Rev Nigel Wylie, Assistant Curate, St Stephen and St Wulstan, Selly Park (Birmingham): resigned as from August 14.

Other appointment

Mr David Williams, Deputy Secretary (Budgeting), Central Board of Finance, Church House, Westminster: to be Acting Secretary, Central Board of Finance, Church House, Westminster, and Financial Secretary to the General Synod of the Church of England.

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BIRTHS

ADAMS - On August 16th, to Lois and Christopher, a daughter, Catherine Helen, a sister to William and Nicholas.

BARKSHIRE - On 16th August, to Katharine (née English) and William, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth.

BUSK - *On August 19th at the* Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, to Sophie and Daniel, a daughter.

FITZHERBERT - On 8th August 1994, to Juliet (nee Sayers) and Ivan, a son, Archie, a brother for Freddie.

JAMES - On August 8th 1994, to Helen (née Ward) & Robin, a son, Jack William.

JOHNS - On 17th August 1994, to Roseanne (née Slayter) and Peter, a son, Harry Vivian Alexander, a brother for Jack Robert.

UPTON - On August 17th in Singapore, to Catherine and Tom, a daughter, Isabel Lilnos. A sister for Alexander.

DEATHS

ASCHER - Conrad died Friday August 19th, peacefully at University College Hospital, London. Enquiries to Phillips Funeral Directors, St Albans. (07227) 851006.

DEATHS

BIRKMYRE - On August 13th at home, Claire Isabel aged 84, wife of the late Col. D.M. Birkmyre and stepmother of Brian and Nicholas. Service of thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton, on Friday August 26th at 10.30 am followed by private cremation (at Claire's request). No flowers please, donations in lieu if desired to Hospicare c/o The Health Centre, Budleigh Salterton, EX9 6LS.

BOWDEN - *Peacefully on* August 17th in hospital, Cora Elizabeth King, widow of Edward Bowden and of George Allis. Much loved mother and grandmother of Olwen, David, Alexandra and Tom Allis. Resting at James Summers & Son Lavernock Court Funeral Home until the service at All Saints Church, Penarth, on Friday 26th August at 12 noon and afterwards at Thornhill Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I. Penarth Appeal Fund, 9 Great Wath, Waterfront 2000 Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff.

BUDGE - On Friday August 19th 1994, Reginald William Budge formerly School Master at Fawley and Hardley. Husband of Eva, father of David, Lorna and Philip. Funeral at St. Katharines Church, Exbury on Wednesday August 24th at 1pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations for The Heart Stroke Association to Hallum & Sons, 185 Long Lane, Hotbery, Southampton.

DEATHS

COLTART - On 19th August Margaret Stewart O.B.E., M.A. Oxon, A.L.M.S.W., for many years Head Medical Social Worker, The National Chest & Heart Hospital, London. A much loved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for her life to be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere on Friday 26th August at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations may be made to the League of Friends, The National Chest & Heart Hospital.

COWIE - On August 18th 1994, peacefully at East Cheshire Hospice, Ian Anderson, aged 52 years, of Wilmslow, Cheshire. The funeral will take place on Friday September 9th at Macclesfield Cemetery Chapel at 2 pm. Donations may be sent for The East Cheshire Hospice or RNLI. Donations and enquiries to Booths Funeral Services, 93 Ambrose Street, Congleton, tel. (0260) 274097.

CRAIG - Peacefully on August 17th 1994, Widow of Terence Vincent Craig, late of *The Old Post House*, Johannesburg, loving mother of Christopher, Virginia and Amanda and grandmother of Nicola. Funeral Service at Chelsea Old Church on Wednesday 24th August 1994 at 11 am. Flowers to Kenyons, 74 Rochester Row, SW1.

DEATHS

HAWKINS - On August 19th peacefully at home with his friend and family after a short illness, Nigel Anthony D.F.C. aged 69 years. The funeral service will take place at Oxford Crematorium, Headington on Wednesday 24th August 1994 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please but donation if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o Green & Co. Funeral Directors, 21 High Street, Eynsham, Witney, Oxon OX8 1HE.

HEATON - On Thursday 18th August 1994, at home, Ralph Neville, husband of Cecily, father of Nicholas, Martin, Stephen and Priscilla; Grandfather of Patrick and Thomas, Mark and Andrew, Caroline, and Simon, Rosie, and David. Cremation at Amersham Crematorium on Friday 26th August at 12 noon. No flowers; donations, if desired, to Bolton Village Appeal Fund, Danby, Whitby, N. Yorks YO1 2NJ.

HOWELLS – Arthur Donovan suddenly on August 19th aged 98, much loved husband of the late Flo and father of Elizabeth, former headmaster of Northmead Boys School, Guildford. Funeral to be arranged.

HUGHES-MORGAN - On 19th August 1994, after a short illness, Jean, beloved wife of Judge Sir David Hughes-Morgan and mother of Parry, Jonathan and Mark. Funeral private. No flowers but donations to a cancer charity.

DEATHS

MILNE - On 10th August, suddenly whilst on holiday on the Isle of Lewis, Anthony Russell, aged 71 years. Sadly missed by his sons Stephen and Jeremy and all his family and friends. Family flowers only but details regarding donations, if desired, contact (0254) 740592. Memorial Service to be arranged.

RÖMMEL - Nancy (née Kelly), wife of the late Col Baron Ian Römmel, died on 16th August. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Augustus Road, London SW19, on Friday 26th August at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Polish Medical Aid, 15 Warwick Road, London SW5 9UB.

ROSS - Col Patrick Brian Thomas MBE, late of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment of Himeville, South Africa, beloved husband of Jean and stepfather of Barnaby, Michael, Sarah and Sue, died on August 19th 1994 after a serious illness.

SCOTT - On August 19th Katie, late of Malpas House Sandgate, at Chase Farm Hospital. Funeral Friday August 26th at St Pauls Church Sandgate. Family flowers only, donations via Hallett and Company Solicitors, 11 Bank Street, Ashford, Kent, to St Pauls Sandgate or Cancer Research or the RNLI or Rhodes Minnis Animal Sanctuary.

DEATHS

SYMES - Robert (Bob) of Gillhurst Road, Harpenden, beloved husband of Kathe, very dear father of Jacqueline, Christopher and Nicola. Passed away peacefully in The Nuffield Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on Friday 19th August 1994, aged 74 years. Funeral Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Birmingham, on Wednesday 24th August at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation.

TRUSTRAM EVE - Margaret Florence (Peggie), beloved wife of the late Brigadier Allster Trustram Eve and mother of Roy and Alec. Peacefully 18th August aged 89. Interment of ashes St Swithin's, Martyr Worthy, 4pm Friday 16th September. No letters or flowers. Donations if wished to charity of your choice.

TUGENDHAT - On August 18th, peacefully at Hull Royal Infirmary, Máire (née Littledale) aged 84, much loved by her children Christopher, Marie, Veronica and Michael and her 12 grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St Augustine Webster's Church, Barton-upon-Humber, on Wednesday August 24th at 10 am, followed by private cremation. Interment later at Widdington. Enquiries to Hallows & Sons Funeral Directors tel (0652) 660330 or the family.

DEATHS

VARTAN - On 17th August suddenly at home Neil, aged 32 years, much loved husband of Jessie and dearly loved youngest son of Keith and Kay and brother of Craig. Private family funeral. Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 2nd September 1994 at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford at 2.20pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for the Benefit of Bishop's Stortford Sports Trust c/o G. Buchanan, 45 The Badgers, Bishop's Stortford CM23 4ET. (Cheques Payable to Neil Vartan Fund).

WARD - On 18th August, Kenneth Godwin, husband of Hilary and the late Jean and father of Simon and Graeme. Funeral at Mortlake Crematorium on Thursday August 25th at 11.30 am. No flowers but donations to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher. Enquiries to W. Sherry & Sons, tel. (081) 994 5474.

WINDWOOD - Eric, who passed away on 18th August 1994 after a short illness. Funeral to be held on Wednesday 31st August at 11 am at Mortlake Crematorium. Donations to the Cancer Research Fund c/o T.H. Sanders & Son, 1A Upper Ham Road, Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey. Tel. (081) 549-8967.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

ARDWICK - The funeral of Lord Ardwick (John Bowman) will be held on Wednesday 24th August at St Mary's Church, Church Road, Barnes at 2 pm. All friends welcome. There will be no memorial service. Flowers to T.H. Sanders & Sons, 447 Upper Richmond Road West, London SW14, tel: (081) 876-4673.

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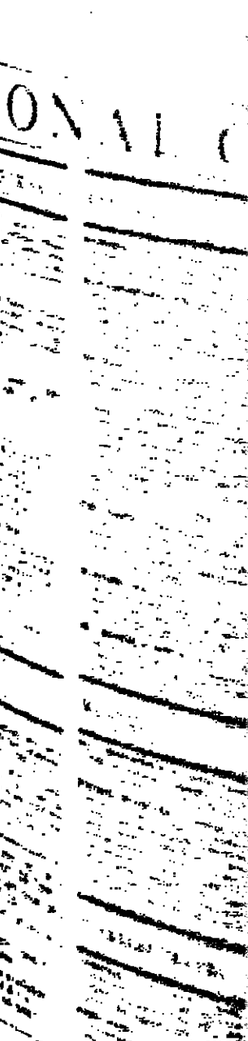
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OBITUARIES

LINUS PAULING

Linus Pauling, chemist and double Nobel laureate, died at his home near Big Sur, California, on August 19 aged 93. He was born in Portland, Oregon, on February 28, 1901.



AS THE only man ever to win two unshared Nobel Prizes in different fields — for chemistry in 1954 and the Peace Prize in 1964 — Linus Pauling was one of the exceptional men of his time. Both as a scientist and as a propagandist he had a marked influence on his generation. Yet not only was he one of the revered scientific figures of the century; he was also, in his latter years, one of the more ridiculed.

The reverence is easy to explain. Pauling's pioneering application of quantum physics to chemistry, his investigation of molecular structure, and his work on the nature of the chemical bond — the forces holding molecules together — led to the development of many new drugs, plastics, and synthetic fibres. The ridicule sprang from an obsession of his later life: his belief that massive doses of Vitamin C were a panacea for diseases, ranging from the common cold to cancer.

The brilliance of Pauling's scientific career had an inauspicious start. The son of a German father and English mother, Linus Carl Pauling was born without academic or economic advantages and failed to graduate from high school because he had not taken the right courses to qualify for his diploma. Although he went on to attend Oregon State College, where he graduated at the age of 21, it was not until 1962 that the Washington High School in Portland, Oregon, grudgingly sent him his piece of parchment.

By then he had had his fair share of other academic awards. He had gained his doctorate, *summa cum laude*, from the California Institute of Technology at the age of 24, and had worked with Arnold Summerfield in Munich, with Erwin Schrodinger in Zurich, and with Niels Bohr in Copenhagen in a year abroad, 1925-26, as a Guggenheim Fellow. His international eminence was subsequently to be recognised by the award of the Davy Medal of the Royal Society in 1947 and by his appointment as George Eastman Professor at the University of Oxford in 1948.

In the 1930s he had published a series of papers explaining why molecules form and have the structures and properties that they do. These papers established his reputation. Pauling had already found his niche at Caltech, where he became a full professor at the age of 30 in 1931 and chairman of chemistry and chemical engineering six years later.

He turned his attention to the application of atomic, or wave, mechanics to all kinds of chemical problems. He soon showed a flair for using this new treatment to crack a structure by a mixture of accurate observation, sound argument and inspired guesswork. His research was summarised in *The Nature of the Chemical Bond* (1939), which, because of its wealth of new ideas, had a great influence on chemical thought.

Even so, progress must often have seemed painfully slow. By 1951, though, Pauling and his collaborator, Robert Corey, announced that they had discovered the structure of several types of protein molecules. This marked a huge stride towards understanding the chemical mysteries of life. Of more practical relevance, it pointed the way towards the eventual control of various diseases. It was for this work that Pauling received his first Nobel Prize in 1954.

During the Second World War he had worked in the explosives division of the National Defence Research Commission, for which he received the Presidential Medal for Merit (throughout his later troubles with the American Establishment he remained defiantly proud of this particular mark of distinction). No sooner was the war over, however, than he spoke out strongly against the nuclear arms race, advocating multilateral disarmament and an end to atomic testing. In 1958 he assembled his arguments in a book, *No More War!*, and in the same year presented to the United Nations a petition, signed by 11,021 scientists, urging an end to the testing of nuclear weapons.

Not surprisingly, in the climate of America of those days, such activity saw him suspected of pro-Soviet leanings, though he disclaimed any association with the Communist Party. Pauling had his US passport withdrawn in 1952 and 1954, and was actually refused permision to land at London Airport by the British Home Office in 1958. Nevertheless, he emerged with a creditable record. Despite being threatened with imprisonment, he successfully defied Senator Joseph McCarthy by refusing to reveal the names of those who had helped him to circulate his petition for nuclear disarmament — thereby setting an example that not all American liberals followed at that time. But, perhaps inevitably, all this political activity took an increasing toll of his time and energy. It may not have been a coincidence that he produced no further work of scientific importance after 1951.

Pauling received his Nobel Peace Prize on October 10, 1963, coincidentally on the day the partial test ban went into effect. Asked which of his two prizes seemed to him the more significant, he replied: "Today's, I think, perhaps because I feel so strongly about the need for peace and an end to human suffering from wars."

He enjoyed the acclaim that the award brought him. He liked to feel that his ideas were accepted. He believed that they were right; so their acceptance seemed only fitting. It annoyed him if people assumed that he had reached the positions he took — whether in politics or in science — simply by instinct. At least in his earlier days he thought long and hard before he pronounced upon any topic and he never regarded it as his fault if lesser mortals could not detect the route by which he had reached a particular conclusion. It was not so much that he sought to domineer: it was simply that, by sheer ability, he tended to dominate those around him.

Nevertheless, he had his own blindspots. These were evident in the third edition (1960) of his book *The Nature of the Chemical Bond*. The original (1939) edition had been a classic. This one was not. In the intervening period a great amount of theoretical work had been done by others. Pauling hardly mentioned any of it. So his revised work was far from being the kind of balanced account of current chemical thought that was badly needed. Perhaps predictably, it had a notably cool reception.

In 1963-64 Pauling, on retiring from Caltech, took a year off to join the Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions in order to continue his interest in peace and nuclear disarmament. Moving on to the University of California at San Diego and then to Stanford, he also announced his future intention of pursuing independent research into experimental medicine, and it was this that led to his notorious advocacy of Vitamin C.

In 1976 Pauling published a report of research carried out jointly with Dr Evan Cameron of Scotland's Vale of Leven hospital, in which 100 terminal cancer patients had been given massive doses of Vitamin C. The results, claimed Pauling, showed that ten grams of Vitamin C given daily resulted in a fourfold increase in life expectancy, and an apparent improvement in the quality of life.

The scientific Establishment poured scorn on his theory, and a subsequent study by America's Mayo Clinic showed no evidence that Vitamin C was of any benefit to cancer patients. Angrily, Pauling responded that the Mayo research was invalidated by the fact that its subjects had been given cyto-toxic chemotherapy, which would have vitiated the effects of Vitamin C. By 1991, however, when recovering from his own bout with prostate cancer, he was claiming that he had always advocated the use of Vitamin C as an adjunct to conventional therapy, and not as a substitute. "I never contended," he was quoted as saying in *The New York Times*, "that you can control the disease completely, for ever, but improved nutrition can shift the mortality curve." For Linus Pauling, that seems to have been true.

Widowed in 1981, after 54 years of marriage, Pauling is survived by three sons and one daughter.

KAY PETRE

Kay Petre, motor racing and rally driver, died in London on August 10 aged 91. She was born in Toronto on May 10, 1903.

KAY PETRE took great pleasure in driving fast cars and was one of the most successful women motor racing and rally drivers of the 1930s. Married to the solicitor and pioneer Brooklands pilot, Henry Petre, she decided to take part in motor racing at the Brooklands course in Surrey. She began her career there with a Wolseley Hornet sports car, bought for her as a birthday present by her husband. With it she won one of the Ladies' handicap races at the Weybridge track and graduated to a faster 2-litre supercharged Bugatti.

Petite, dark-haired, attractive and always turned out immaculately in tailored silk overalls, Kay Petre took her motor racing very seriously. From 1933, with her Bugatti tuned by an expert engineer, she began to gain many successes at the banked Brooklands course.

She took part in the longer races, including the Light Car Club's Relay Race with an all-girls team driving Singer cars, but attained her greatest performances with the enormous old 10.5litre V12 cylinder Delage, into which she had to be fitted, with a special seat and wood blocks on the pedals. It was a fearsome, very fast car and with it she lapped at over 130mph in 1935, having been awarded her 120mph Brooklands badge with the Bugatti in 1934.

The occasion was the famous match race with Gwenda Stewart, who brought her 2-litre Derby-Miller over from Paris for the contest. Kay Petre completed her fastest lap at 134.24 mph — the track officials had decreed that the ladies run separately, for safety — but after trouble with her car, Gwenda Stewart went out again the next day and recorded 135.95mph. They were the only two women to lap at Brooklands at over 130mph, out of a total of 17.

These brave track performances convinced Lord Austin that Kay Petre was ready to be included in his team of drivers for the advanced, factory-built, Austin Seven racing cars. She made very good use of the little side-valve Austin while her male colleagues competed with the twin-overhead camshaft cars. Apart from track and road course events, Petre scored at speed hill-climbs, repeatedly taking the Ladies' class at the Shelsley Walsh course near Worcester, at first with a Riley, then with the supercharged side-valve works Austin 7, setting a time for the hill of 43.78 seconds in 1937. She also raced in a Riley in the South African Grand Prix, hampered by unsuitable fuel, but finishing in 11th place. Rumour had it that while there she was allowed to do some laps in one of the ultra-powerful, rear-engined German Auto-Unions; she would have been the only English lady driver to do so. Thoroughly versatile, Petre raced an ERA at Brooklands in a long-distance International Trophy contest and, at the opposite extreme, took part in the strenuous prewar Monte Carlo and Alpine rallies.

It all ended when she was practising at Brooklands in the Austin for the 1937 BRDC 500-mile outer-circuit track race. A male driver in an MG lost control of his car, which slid down the banking and overturned her car. She was badly injured. After recovery she became a colour consultant to the motor industry and motoring correspondent for a Fleet Street newspaper, the *Daily Graphic*.

In later years Kay Petre lived a lonely life and appeared not to want to be reminded of her motor racing days. Her husband, whom she had married in 1929, died in 1962; there were no children of the marriage.



Kay Petre and the works Austin 7 single-seater

YESHAYAHU LEIBOWITZ

Professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz, Israeli philosopher, scholar and political dissident, died in his sleep at his Jerusalem home on August 18 aged 91. He was born in Riga, Latvia, and marked his birthday as January 20, 1903.



A RELIGIOUS scholar with doctorates in medicine, biochemistry and philosophy, Yeshayahu Leibowitz was also a committed Zionist who angered many of his countrymen by speaking out against the Israeli occupation of Arab lands after the Six Day War of 1967. He gave warning, prophetically, that it would "bring about a catastrophe for the Jewish people as a whole" with the administration having to suppress Arab insurgency. And, he argued, it would turn Israelis into "Judeo-Nazis".

Despite being a devout Jew, Yeshayahu Leibowitz also spoke out frequently and firmly against the religious Establishment and for the separation of religion from the state. He was against the sanctification of any site or building in the land of Israel and infuriated both secular and religious Jews when he likened the Western Wall on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem to a discothèque for religious and nationalist Jews alike.

The stature and controversy that surrounded Yeshayahu Leibowitz — a modern-day Jewish "Prophet of Rage" — is amply illustrated by events surrounding the decision last year to award him the prestigious Israel Prize. Two select — and independent — committees decided separately to award him the honour, one for his life's work, the other for his achievements in the fields of science and the humanities.

Their decisions aroused considerable opposition, for Leibowitz's uncompromising pronouncements on a host of subjects had amassed both supporters and critics during his 90 years. There was a clamour of protest and calls to rescind the decision, particularly after Leibowitz delivered yet another harsh judgment, this time accusing Israel's undercover soldiers of being as murderous as the Hammas terrorists they were fighting. In the face of the public outcry (which included the announcement that the Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin, would boycott the award ceremony), Leibowitz withdrew his acceptance of the prize, saying he was satisfied just to have been nominated.

Yeshayahu Leibowitz's father, Mordecai, was a prosperous timber merchant and both the young Yeshayahu and his sister, Nehama, enjoyed the benefits of private tutors for their early education. When he was 16 the family moved to Berlin, where Leibowitz began by studying chemistry and philosophy at the University of Berlin. Later he studied biochemistry at the Kaiser Wilhelm Academy. After receiving a doctorate in chemistry he went on to study medicine in Cologne and Heidelberg. It was at Cologne University that he met his wife Gerta, who was a mathematics student. They married two years later and in 1933, with the rise of Hitler, moved to Switzerland, where Leibowitz completed his studies for an MD at the University of Basle.

In 1934 Leibowitz emigrated with his wife to Palestine, quickly settling down in a small flat in Jerusalem where he lived until the day he died. He began teaching chemistry at the Hebrew University, eventually holding professorships in a number of academic fields, as well as lecturing in history and other subjects.

Leibowitz served as a platoon commander in Jerusalem during Israel's war of independence in 1948 and was involved in the early years of the state with political groups that predated the formation of the National Religious Party. In the late 1950s he was an activist for electoral reform as well as for a nuclear-free Middle East.

Just days after Israel's surprise victory in the Six Day War of 1967, which brought the Sinai Desert, the Golan Heights, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip under Israeli control, Leibowitz called for the speedy withdrawal from the territories, prophesying that Israel would find itself sinking in a quagmire of moral dilemmas if it maintained its hegemony over a million Palestinians. It was a theme he returned to relentlessly over the next quarter of a century — during which he called on Israeli soldiers to refuse service in the territories and spoke of the dangers of Judeo-Nazism in the military if the occupation continued.

Yet despite the harshness of such statements, Israelis young and old, religious and secular, conscientious objectors and serving soldiers, would seek to meet him and debate or listen to his opinions. He talked with everyone, whether in universities or in schools, in Jewish settlements in the occupied territories, and not infrequently with individuals or small groups in his tiny, book-cluttered flat in Jerusalem.

Leibowitz was a man of contradictions — a religious Jew (and acknowledged as the leading authority on the medieval Jewish philosopher Maimonides); he also had a taste for pornographic novels. "Which person doesn't?" he asked, arguing that pornography does not provoke lechery or carnality but just the opposite. "It is precisely because there is carnality that the pornographic novel exists," he said.

He himself wrote many books on diverse subjects, including religion, science and philosophy. He was an accomplished linguist in seven languages (Russian, German, Yiddish, Hebrew, English, French and Latin) and for more than two decades was editor-in-chief of the *Hebrew Encyclopaedia*.

Although he officially retired from the Hebrew University in 1970 he continued to teach the philosophy of science there until his death, remaining a popular and sought-after teacher and public speaker despite his sharp pronouncements. A man of small and slender frame, he delivered his provocative observations with a jutting jaw and a hypnotic voice that would weave back and forth between a whisper and a screech as he jabbed an exclamatory finger into the air to emphasise a point.

In contrast to his pugnacious public image, the private man was warm, kind and open-minded, with a sense of humour. Yeshayahu Leibowitz is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters. Two other sons predeceased him.

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DISEASE AND LAUNDRIES

To the Editor of *The Times*

Sir, — *The Times* last week gave an extract from the *Lancet* of a very important nature in connexion with family washing. The custom of sending clothes out to be washed by poor people in their homes cannot be too soon put an end to. The things are either "slopped up" in small vessels, with far too little water, or they are carried to the public washhouse, where the poor in all conditions wash their own articles. This indiscriminate washing at "the Baths" is not safe for any of the parties. The women who wash in these "Baths" their own or their customers' things carry them home to finish, and then the work is not sanitary to the dwelling or the garments.

Laundresses who reside in the crowded parts of London cannot avoid the evils of their circumstances. People who employ them have to put up with the risk. It is, as at present practised, an unhealthy and, consequently, a depraving trade. Washerwomen abound among the drunkards in our prisons.

In the "good old times", when families washed at home, the clothes were put "in steep" over night. They were sorted, laid in different vessels, soaped and watered, waiting for the washing and the "scalding", and the "sudding", and the rinsing, and the bleaching, and the drying, and the sprinkling, and all the rest of it that preceded the "getting up", which was a highly artistic process, never lightly undertaken until all the others were duly and truly performed, even if an extra day were required to get the clothes a "good colour", &c. None of this care and pains was labour lost. Their avoidance saves us nothing in health, money, or morals. All that good homely, domestic work preserved our servants from many evils, and was not without its good influence on the mistresses and the families.

It will be a sanitary and pecuniary profit to the community to discourage the washerwoman and to support the laundry system, where capital and skill will be brought to bear on the service; and it will be a moral benefit to the woman, who will thus be compelled to abandon a mode of life that is injuring her and her customers together. A well-organized laundry will bring out the skill of a lady and use the services of the peasant.

If I may say a little in this long letter on the subject of the connexion between washing and drunkenness, I would say that it is the hurry and drive to get the clothes home in the shortest possible time that lies at the root of this great social evil. In the hope of gaining constant custom the poor singlehanded washerwomen achieve wonders in their way, but they give in exchange for their livelihood health and character. It is not bread they earn, but drink. Therefore, for the sake of checking this terrible woe, I venture to make this public appeal for the suppression of their misdirected industry.

What has been done for the dressmaker must be done for the washerwoman. She must be protected from her own foolishness, and prevented from giving her flesh and blood for a life from which comfort and honour are withdrawn. The hours of work and the tariff of wages should be made the subject of discussion by humanitarians, as they will be a matter for consideration of men of business. I have no doubt that a fair scheme for mutual benefit can be got up, and its general adoption will be only a question of time.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

SUSANNA MEREDITH

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ON THIS DAY

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"Taking in washing" was for many poor women a way of boosting the family income: this correspondent, doubtless with the best of intentions, felt that the practice often caused both health and social hazards.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

US considers Cuba blockade

■ The Clinton Administration increased the pressure on Fidel Castro when a senior official said that a blockade of Cuba was an option for the United States unless its Communist government moves towards democratic reform.

The threat was made by Leon Panetta, President Clinton's new Chief of Staff, as boat people continued to flee from Cuba in record numbers in spite of last Friday's ban on automatic asylum in Florida. Coastguards picked up nearly 1,200 on Saturday and another 250 by noon yesterday......... Pages 1, 10

Refugees forced back at frontier

■ Thousands of terrified Hutu refugees tried to follow departing French troops out of Rwanda to safety in Zaire. They were forced back by Zairean troops firing into the air at a closed river border crossing.. Pages 1, 11

Tax threat

The Liberal Democrats will this week unveil radical plans to impose a 60 per cent tax rate on those earning over £100,000 and a 50 per cent rate for those on over £60,000.............................. Page 1

Captain ponders

Michael Atherton, England's cricket captain, who twice fell foul of the match referee during the South African series, is to spend the next few days thinking over his future............................ Page 1

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Whitehall policy-makers should be held publicly accountable for their errors in the same way as professionals in other walks of life, said the European Policy Forum................................. Page 2

Motive of hate

Sean McNulty, the Tyneside-born IRA supporter with a fanatical hatred of Britain, was convicted after a painstaking investigation into attacks on oil and gas installations......... Page 3

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More than 1,000 voluntary prison visitors receive a warning today that their role is under threat unless they become more effective watchdogs in 133 jails....... Page 5

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More than half the cereal crop has been harvested in southern England and early reports point to a bumper year............. Page 6

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Dozens of paintings and sketches by L.S. Lowry are stored in a cramped basement in Salford because there is not enough room to display them in the small gallery upstairs...................... Page 7

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Students winning places at traditional universities this week will find themselves in classes up to 50 per cent bigger than their counterparts six years ago....... Page 7

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The drive to publish at all costs is killing the venerable tradition of disinterested learning. Stephen Logan writes in *Agenda*... Page 8

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Carlos the Jackal may have been snatched by French secret service agents while undergoing an operation to remove excess fat from his waist........................... Page 9

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Bosnian government troops captured the medieval castle headquarters of Fikret Abdic in the pocket of Bihac, ending the 11-month rebellion by the Muslim maverick.......................... Page 9

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The French have one obsession with regard to Africa — the spread of the English language. General Jacques Lanxade, France's chief of general staff, calls it the "Anglo-Saxon Conspiracy"..................... Page 11

Inquiry demanded into royal calls leak

■ Tory MPs demanded an inquiry into the leak of a police investigation into telephone calls allegedly made by the Princess of Wales. Sir Ivan Lawrence, chairman of the Commons Home Affairs Committee, said that unauthorised disclosure of a such a sensitive inquiry would shake public confidence in the police... Page 1

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



The Prime Minister with match hero Devon Malcolm at the Oval yesterday when England beat South Africa by eight wickets. Page 21

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Opera transferred: Glyndebourne's production of *Eugene Onegin* made a stunning impression at the Proms.............. Page 28

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We are in a curious transitional phase when the Thatcherite revolution has run out of momentum but there is no clearcut, or widely accepted replacement........... Page 14

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One of the pleasures of sport is its unpredictability. Look what has happened to tennis since the advent of the mechanically-trained big hitters and the line bleeper. It has become boring —*Sunday Express*

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Alison Gomme, the governor of a Wiltshire prison, is the inspiration for *The Governor*, a Lynda La Plante television series
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Deng Xiaoping celebrates his 90th birthday today, still in power as the paramount leader of China's 1.2 billion people
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Monika Liston who was married in San Francisco wearing a virtual reality headset giving a vision of hearts, white doves and flowers
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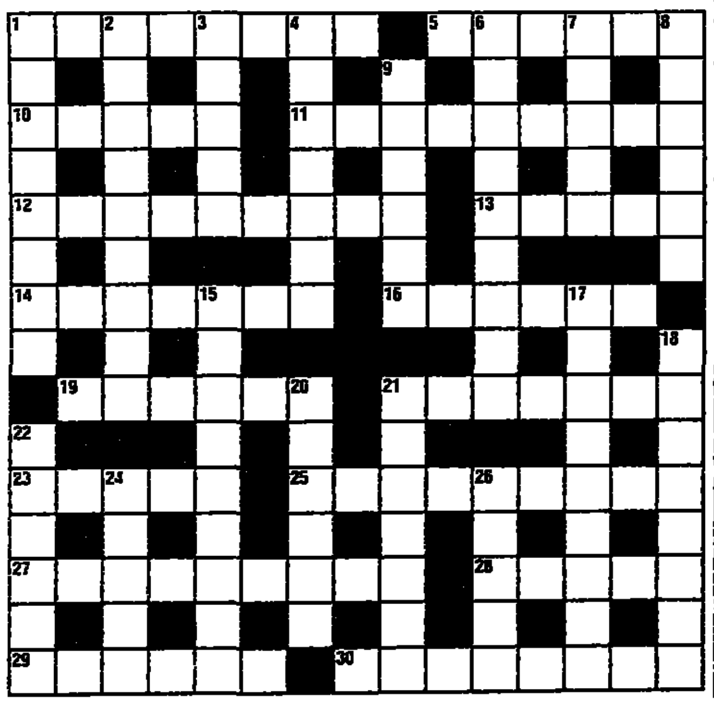
Walking into trouble

■ What is the Government doing to end the warfare between ramblers and landowners?

Auld Reekie, new movies

■ At the Drambuie Edinburgh Film Festival, Geoff Brown offers a guide to movies good, bad and totally impenetrable

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ACROSS

1 A good judge of a musical instrument? (5).
5 Slough, where gold is stored in quantity (6).
10 Quietly go ahead and appeal (5).
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12 Rueful about restricted social worker (4).
13 The view taken of fish (5).
14 Slipped away, pleased to break off (7).
16 Fruit is gathered in the fall (6).
19 Some fans ask a terrific lot of a sportsman (6).
21 He composed "Sir Patrick and the King" (7).
23 One publishing a laundry aid (5).
25 Relics apt to be smashed into tiny fragments (9).
27 Disease causing tenderness (9).
28 His is a name in Ireland that is coming back (5).
29 A singer in a trio? (6).
30 Flat-foot having to tip a smaller amount (8).

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1 Advised of drink found hidden in the tall grass (5).
2 Shoddy dealer about to load up lift (5-4).
3 Gas with a painter fellow (5).
4 "—— bound in with the triumphant sea" (*Richard II*, (7).
6 Breaks prove a tie for the manual worker (9).
7 Mimicking a high-pitched sound (5).
8 Mounted soldiers clear the ring (6).
9 He does like to talk, and that's right in a father (6).
15 Sneering racialist agitation (9).
17 Only in hotel and church is disrespect apparent (9).
18 Those responsible for actors' clothing or furniture (8).
20 Look after stuff and maintain in good order (6).
21 It's not customary for a holy man to travel widely (7).
22 One who knows his onions parking a vehicle in the street (6).
24 Strip firing mechanism (5).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, northern Scotland, 0.25in; highest sunshine: Leuchars, Fife, 11.6hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** Wales and western England will start cloudy with outbreaks of showery rain, turning heavy in places. Eastern parts of England will have a dry morning. However, in the afternoon there is the chance of showers, perhaps turning heavy and thundery.

Cloud and rain will spread northwards across Northern Ireland and western Scotland. Eastern Scotland will start dry but there is the risk of showers later. Northeastern Scotland will be bright at first but become cloudy later.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N England:** dry start, risk of showers in afternoon. Wind northeast, moderate. Maximum temperature 23C (73F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, NE England:** dry start, risk of showers later, cloudy near coasts. Wind east or northeast, moderate. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** mainly cloudy, rain at times. Wind southeast, moderate. Max 20C (68F)

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** dry start, showers later. Wind southeast, moderate Max 17C (63F)

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☐ **Outlook:** unsettled with showers at times, temperatures near normal, windy in places

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	[illegible]	-	21	70	s
Anglesey	[illegible]	-	16	61	s
Aspatria	[illegible]	0.03	17	63	s
Aviemore	[illegible]	0.02	18	64	f
Birmingham	[illegible]	-	20	68	f
Bognor R	[illegible]	-	21	70	s
Bournemouth	[illegible]	-	21	70	s
Bristol	7.2	-	19	66	c
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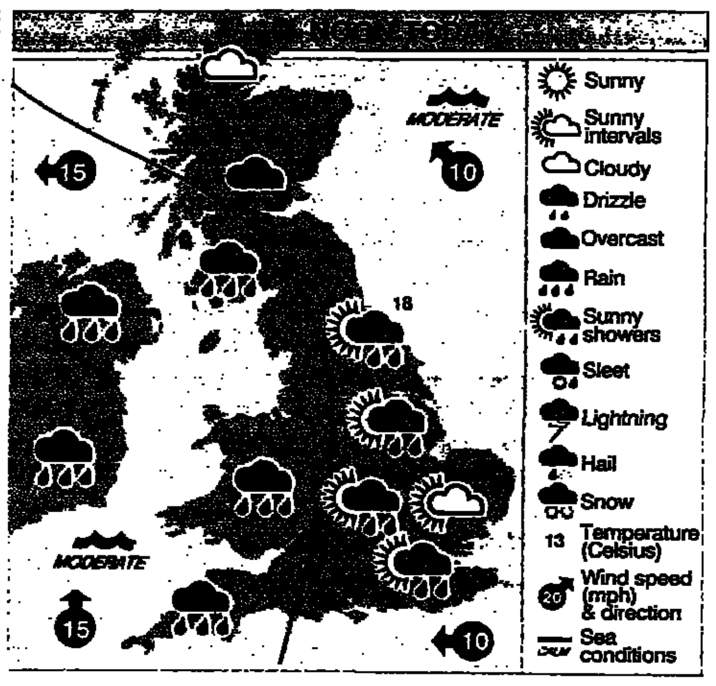
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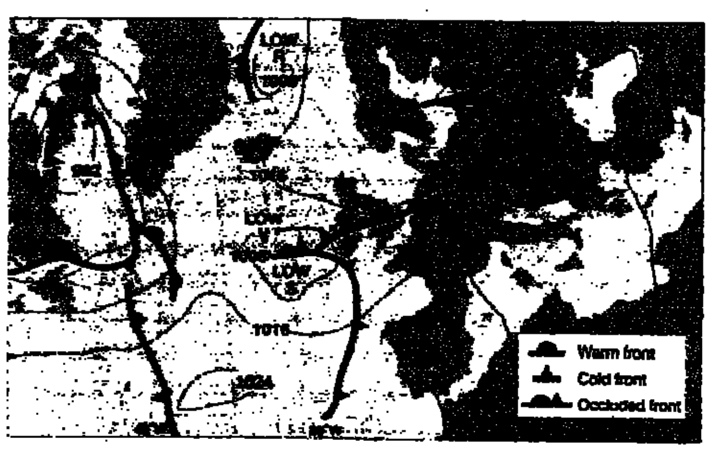
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Cardiff	7.32	12.2	7.49	12.49
Devonport	6.15	5.3	6.31	5.5
Dover	11.43	6.8	—	—
Falmouth	5.45	5.1	6.01	5.3
Glasgow	1.19	4.9	1.45	4.8
Harwich	11.40	3.9	—	—
Holyhead	10.54	5.4	11.3	5.8
Hull	6.36	7.64	7.11	7.26
Ilfracombe	6.27	9.16	6.46	9.46
King's Lynn	6.43	6.9	7.21	6.5
Leith	3.0	5.7	3.28	5.6
Liverpool	11.48	9.3	11.59	9.6
Lowestoft	9.43	2.6	10.32	2.4
Margate	12.34	4.8	12.43	4.8
Milford Haven	6.39	6.9	6.56	7.1
Newquay	5.30	6.9	5.48	7.1
Oban	6.11	3.8	6.27	4.2
Penzance	5.11	5.4	5.28	5.8
Portland	7.23	2.1	7.38	2.3
Portsmouth	12.00	4.8	—	—
Shoreham	—	—	12.02	6.4
Southampton	11.21	4.5	11.35	4.4
Swansea	6.46	9.6	7.4	9.7
Tees	3.59	5.5	4.27	5.3
W'ton-on-Nze	12.3	4.2	12.20	4.2

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SUN & MOON

Sun rises: 5.57 am
Sun sets: 8.09 pm
Moon sets: 7.24 am
Moon rises: 8.10 pm

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Bristol 8.19 pm to 6.09 am
Edinburgh 8.33 pm to 5.57 am
Manchester 8.23 pm to 6.00 am
Penzance 8.28 pm to 6.21 am

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Victorious England captain receives Illingworth's support for tour of Australia

Atherton weighs up burden of leadership

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

EVEN in the afterglow of a famous victory, Michael Atherton yesterday questioned whether he can go on as England captain. The Test match summer was closing in euphoria at the Oval but Atherton's emotions were in chaos as he sought peace and solitude to decide whether he should lead the side to Australia this winter.

That it will be Atherton's decision was not in doubt, even before a dramatic, series-levelling win over South Africa had been secured by eight wickets and with almost two days to spare. Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, has restated his support for Atherton and will use his casting vote to retain him if the four selectors are split before the announcement on Thursday.

But after achieving improbable notoriety after two disciplinary episodes in a month, Atherton needs to convince himself that the good times in the job, such as the triumph yesterday, are worth the bad. "If it becomes a burden, when every move I make is scrutinised and penalised so that it affects the team's performance, I will have to weigh that up," he said.

"The criticism hurts and sometimes I wonder if it is all worthwile. But you have to balance that out against the feelings during a victory like today's. I have learnt a considerable amount during the last few weeks, both about myself and about the way people treat you. I need a couple of days to think things over and reflect."

I hope and believe Atherton will decide to continue, despite the mounting tensions. He remains the outstanding candidate for the job on a short-list so brief that the bookmakers, Sporting Index, quote Mark Nicholas, who has never played Test cricket and is close to retirement, as fifth favourite to lead the tour.

Any who believed Atherton could rise dispassionately above the commotion, however, should have seen him yesterday. Speaking quietly and carefully but with unmistakeable emotion, he betrayed the depths to which he has been taken by a second brush with the match referee, Peter Burge, and the inevitable speculation which followed.

He told how low he had felt on Friday night, after being fined for dissent, and how appreciative he was of the unanimous support of his players, the strength of which was generated by a thoughtful gesture from Atherton's immediate predecessor, Graham Gooch.

"Graham has been through the mill and he understood how I was feeling," Atherton said. "On Saturday morning, while I was talking to the manager, Keith Fletcher, he got all the players together without my knowledge and asked them to support me. I would like to thank them all for the way they have rallied round and I believe, in one way, that the togetherness it created helped our performance."

Atherton is not alone in falling foul of Burge's vigilance. Fanie de Villiers, the South Africa bowler, was yesterday fined 25 per cent of his match fee and reprimanded for dissent after Ken Palmer, the umpire, had rejected an appeal for a catch by the wicketkeeper against Graeme Hick. On this occasion, both umpires reported de Villiers, whereas neither had considered Atherton's conduct unacceptable, but as the bowler did little more than throw his arms in the air in despair, it seemed no more worthy of punishment than Atherton's studying of his bat.

Illingworth believes the situation could get out of hand. "If football's Premiership was played under the same rules there would be nobody left on the field by half-time. We have got to allow a little bit of what happens in the split second after a dismissal. It is an emotional game and we don't want to take all the aggression out of it or it will become a poor game."

There could be no quarrel with Burge's other strictures, however. Both teams were fined for the tardy over-rate which marred a tremendous match. It was the inevitable outcome of two all-pace attacks but that cannot excuse South Africa's shortfall of 14 overs, for which they were fined 70 per cent of their match fees (about £450 pounds each).

Atherton came away with little, for the England players each lost 30 per cent of their fees for a six-over shortfall. He had already sacrificed half his fee for his indiscretion on Friday and managed to joke: "I seem to be playing for the love of it and the honour." Illingworth, tongue in cheek, added: "He is now on the same match fee as I was when I played."

Captain and chairman have got along fine this summer, but the recent troubles have brought them closer. Illingworth felt it necessary to consult the chairman and chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, Frank Chamberlain and Alan Smith, to ascertain they would not object to Atherton continuing in the job, and he received reassurance.

Illingworth and Atherton will probably present a united front again during the Texaco Trophy match at Edgbaston on Thursday, when I expect it be confirmed that Atherton remains in charge for the winter. "He is young and he is still learning. He is making mistakes as he does so," Illingworth saidyesterday. "We want to give him a few days to settle down but he is under no pressure from me. As far as I am concerned, he has shown tremendous character and I am happy with him."

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Atherton acknowledges the applause of the Oval crowd after his innings of 63 against South Africa yesterday

Illingworth warns one-day specialists

RAYMOND Illingworth has made it plain that there will be no room for one-day specialists in the winter tour party, despite the encouragement offered to Neil Fairbrother, Chris Lewis and Dominic Cork through their inclusion in a 13-man squad for the two Texaco Trophy games against South Africa later this week (Alan Lee writes).

Fairbrother is described by Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, as "probably the best one-day batsman in the world", but he stressed: "We will be taking a Test match side to Australia, because it is all about winning the Ashes. If we are doing well in the one-day tournaments and we need to strengthen the side later in the tour, we can always fly one or two players out."

Lewis and Cork are both in fine form at county level and will certainly be discussed for the tour, but they will be competing with Craig White for a single place. This week's games, at Edgbaston on Thursday and Old Trafford on Saturday, do, however, provide an opportunity for Shaun Udal, Hampshire's highly-rated off spin bowler, to emphasise his touring credentials. England intend to take two specialist spin bowlers to Australia and Phillip Tufnell can be assumed to be one of them. The second place is likely to be contested by Udal and Ian Salisbury.

Graham Gooch was left out of the one-day squad by prior arrangement and there is no place for Robin Smith. Angus Fraser, omitted from the side which won the final Test, is quickly restored.

SQUAD: M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, G A Hick, N H Fairbrother, G P Thorpe, D G Cork, C C Lewis, S J Rhodes, P A J DeFreitas, D Gough, S D Udal, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm.

Leicester submerged by Newcastle tide

Leicester City	1
Newcastle United	3

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Filbert Street foxes are run to ground. After waiting seven years to regain a place among the elite, Leicester City found on day one of their new season that obduracy, tenacity and physical fitness do not put them into the class of a team of the international calibre being built by Newcastle United.

The match was ultimately packed with dramatic, mildly controversial incident. It was overshadowed in the end by the removal to hospital of Peter Beardsley, almost a year to the day after his cheekbone was depressed against Liverpool, the fear being that when he collided late on with Steve Thompson, the other cheek was similarly damaged. That, the sending-off of Newcastle's Czech goalkeeper, Srnicek, a missed penalty by Leicester and a yellow card for the impressive Belgian defender, Albert, amounted to the incident that should not in any way confuse the fact.

Here was a home team, put together at minute cost compared to Newcastle, neither willing nor able to try to match arguably the most attractive footballing side in the land for passing, movement and control. Nevertheless, simply because four of the six last sides promoted to the FA Carling Premiership have sunk straight back down again, do not think that Leicester will succumb easily. There is tenacity in their manager, Brian Little, and it comes with every tackle, every ounce of sweat his side put into trying to subdue its opponents.

Indeed, Leicester opened by threatening the Newcastle goal twice. Each time, the source was Joachim. Too quick for Hottiger in the first minute, too crafty by far for the lunging Peacock, he then somewhat greedily tried to score, his angled shot hitting the side netting. Moments later, ignoring the overlap on his left by Whitlow, Joachim once more mocked Peacock, once more struck outside the post.

That close, and no closer. Newcastle's defence now has an elegant, imposing presence, Albert, whose balance for a 6ft 3in man makes Peacock at his side look what he is, an over-expensive Englishman. And Albert comes forward with enlightening anticipation. In the seventeenth minute, with a half-volley, he struck a left-foot shot that was rising just beneath the crossbar until Ward turned in mid-air to palm the ball over.

Slowly, but perceptibly, the Newcastle passing rhythm began to overwhelm Leicester. Newcastle lack the ability of the injured Bracewell to instigate this rhythm from midfield, but the trickery of Beardsley and Cole was bound to cut through Leicester's eight-man defence.

Before it did so, Albert had strode elegantly through, had attempted to induce a penalty by bouncing off Ward, and was shown the yellow card for a dive. No penalty, but within ten minutes Newcastle were justifiably two goals up. Sellars found Beardsley on the left, Beardsley struck hard and low into the goalmouth and Cole, doing what he had done all through last season, had ghosted through and sidefooted the ball into the net without resistance. Then it was Beardsley, lurking on the edge of the penalty area, staring straight into the eyes of Ward and shooting beneath the goalkeeper's despairing dive.

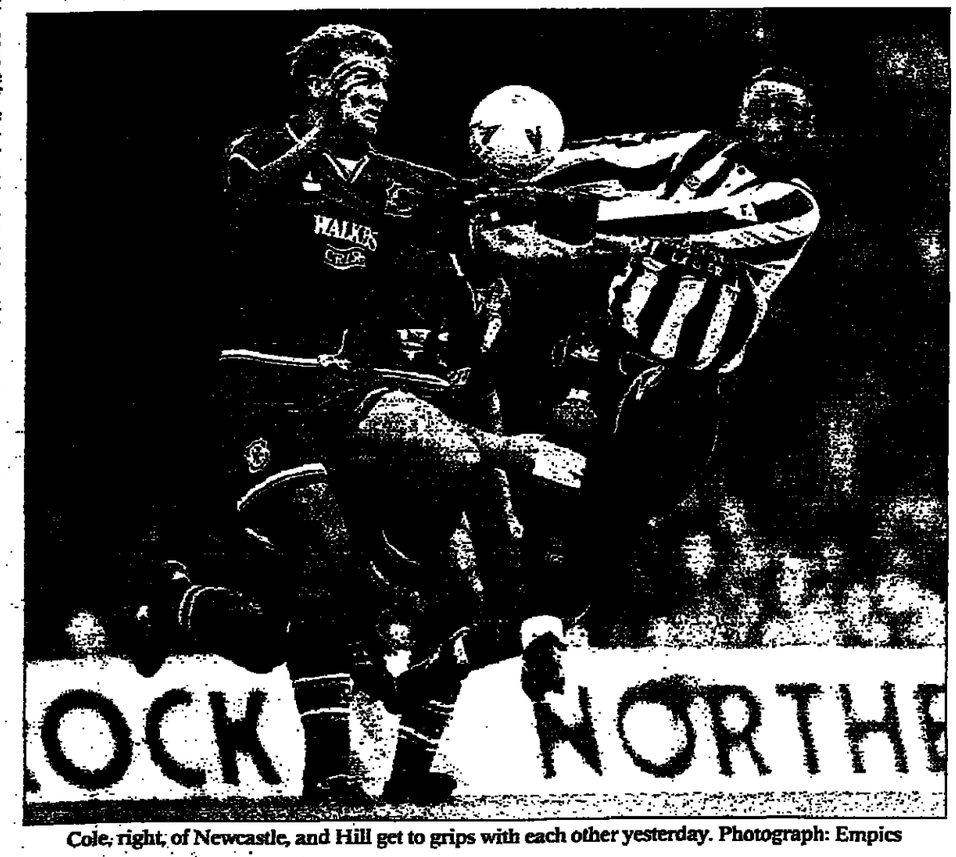
There was a Fox on top — Ruel Fox, the £2.2 million winger who was now teasing and tormenting Leicester down the flanks. Fleetingly the boys in blue felt they had a chance to get back into the match, a penalty awarded when the referee saw Albert push Walsh. But, from the spot, Draper — at £1.25 million by far the costliest purchase in Leicester history — appeared to take the penalty kick too quickly. His right-foot shot was anticipated by Srnicek, and the goalkeeper had time not only to get to his left post but to hold on to the ball.

With Leicester still being outpassed and outplayed, it was no surprise when Fox accurately played the ball across the face of goal and Elliott, soon after coming on as a substitute, accepted the chance to score Newcastle's third goal.

What could Leicester do? It is ridiculous to compare them yet to Swindon Town, for they are a far more spirited team, and a more pragmatic one at that. Yet, their purchasing power is not even on the scale of the £4 million that Newcastle can raise in season tickets alone, and for all the effervescence of the teenaged Joachim, they have little but the long ball to the heads of Walsh and Roberts. Late on, after the dispiriting collision between Beardsley and Thompson, Joachim drew Srnicek way out of his area; the darting Leicester forward evaded the goalkeeper, was tripped from behind, and in keeping with the new code of discipline, Srnicek had to be shown the red card.

His deputy, Hooper, coming on to replace Mathie, was to suffer almost as much indignity. In the second minute of stoppage time, Agnew tried a hopeful shot from outside the penalty area. Hooper, right behind it but off balance, dropped the ball, and there, poaching into an empty net, was Joachim.

LEICESTER CITY (5-3-2): G Ward — S Grayson (sub: S Thompson, 65min), R Smith, C Hill, N Mohan, M Whitlow — M Draper, M Blake (sub: I Roberts, 65), S Agnew — S Walsh, J Joachim.
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-1-3-2): P Srnicek — M Hottiger, D Peacock, P Albert, J Beresford — B Venison — R Fox, R Lee, S Sellars (sub: R Elliott, 69) — P Beardsley (sub: A Mathie, 82; sub: M Hooper, 86), A Cole.
Referee: M Reed



Cole, right, of Newcastle, and Hill get to grips with each other yesterday. Photograph: Empics

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Malcolm takes his place in the pantheon of pace



John Woodcock on a fast bowling performance that ranks among the best in the history of cricket

Only when the West Indians are in England, and then only from them, does one normally see fast bowling of such intensity as there was on the first three days of the third Test match at the Oval. As an examination of a batsman's courage, reflexes and technique, there were times when it was fiercely demanding. The pitch, of course, played a part in this, possessing pace and bounce enough for the wicketkeepers to have thought of padding their gauntlets with steak.

The trouble with such conditions is that they make spin expendable, generate a sufeit of bumpers and lead to a reprehensible over-rate. It will always be the same. When Pat Pocock was chosen to bowl off breaks in the Oval Test match against West Indies in 1984, he considered himself lucky to be given even eight of the 167 overs it took England to bowl West Indies out twice.

It was in that match, when he was going in as nightwatchman against Michael Holding and Malcolm Marshall, that Pocock told Bernard Thomas, the England physiotherapist, not to worry if he had to give him the kiss of life. "I've just cleaned my teeth," he said. Off his long run, Holding was as fast as Allan Donald, and Dave Richardson stood a good yard further back to Donald on Friday than Steven Rhodes did for Devon Malcolm on Saturday, and, in taking nine for 57 in South Africa's second innings, Malcolm was like a bolt of lightning.

Holding was one of cricket's great natural fast bowlers. So were Ray Lindwall and Keith Miller, Marshall and Andy Roberts, Fred Trueman and Brian Statham, Dennis Lillee and probably Richard Hadlee. Wasim Akram is another and so, more basically, is Waqar Younis. Less fortunate, but just as much to be feared on their day, are those who have no such enduring rhythm, but who can bowl like the wind when everything falls into place.

At Adelaide in February 1976, after watching West Indies routed yet again by Lillee and Jeff Thomson, then in their prime, I asked Sir Donald Bradman who was the fastest bowler he had ever seen. He would say Harold Larwood, surely, remembering the sheer hell of the Bodyline series. But he did not. He opted, unhesitatingly, for Frank Tyson, who he had watched bowling in Australia in 1954-55. Tyson was more a Malcolm than a Holding, much more pachyderm than panther. Holding could never have bowled as wildly and inexpediently as Malcolm did at the Oval on Thursday; but not even he, when he took 14 England wickets on the same ground in 1976, was any more splendid than Malcolm on Saturday.

As a great Test bowler, Tyson lived and flourished for barely a year. In his brief span, he could be formidable even on a slow pitch. Malcolm needs a fast one, the Oval or Perth by preference, and he will go to Australia now with Perth very much in mind, praying that when the day comes he can find his rhythm.

It is being said, disparagingly, that, in the face of the England attack, South Africa's batsmen showed a lack of fibre. Another, and I think fairer, way of putting it, would be to say that they have had little chance of becoming accustomed to facing genuinely fast bowling. One of the reasons for this is that their pitches at home are mostly lamentably slow. The South Africans could say, by way of a rejoinder, that of the 19 wickets England took at the Oval, 18 fell to setters from the Caribbean, welcome as indeed they are, and only a solitary one to a bowler born in England. Jamaica claimed ten, St Kitts and Dominica four each. Gough's figures were one for 124, making three for 292 in 75 overs in the last two Tests against South Africa. It was as a batsman, when England were teetering, that Gough delivered his most telling blows.

Finally, a thought or two on Atherton's latest embarrassment. Clearly, he has the sympathy of the Test and County Cricket Board, just as Mike Gatting and his side did in Pakistan seven years ago when, after kicking over the traces, they were each awarded a hardship bonus of £1,000. This perk alone showed how difficult the authorities here can sometimes find it to get things into a broad perspective. We all know that Atherton's dissent when he was given out last Friday would have passed more or less unnoticed in the first 100 years of Test cricket. But that is irrelevant now. For better or worse, television imposes new restraints.

It is no good for the Lancashire coach, who is also a commentator of a kind, to say on the radio that he could see no wrong in what Atherton did when the umpire's decision went against him. What are the young, who have been taught otherwise, to make of that? Ditto the England selectors and the denizens of the TCCB.

For Atherton to be fined £1,250 may have seemed to them, as it did to me, to be excessive: but from someone, somewhere could have come some word of support for the referee and, by inference, a word of warning to the captain. As England's chief pilot in Australia, Atherton will now have three red endorsements on his licence — for low flying, infringing a corridor and landing with his wheels up, as it were. He is young yet and has some exceptional qualities — but only good could come of his taking greater care.

PATRICK EAGAR



Holding, one of the most natural fast bowlers, on his way to taking 14 England wickets at the Oval in 1976

LEADING WICKET-TAKERS

10-53	J C Laker (England) v Australia, Old Trafford, 1956
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9-86	Sarfraz Nawaz (Pakistan) v Australia, Melbourne, 1979
9-95	J M Noreiga (West Indies) v India, Port of Spain, 1971
9-102	S P Gupte (India) v West Indies, Kanpur, 1958
9-103	S F Barnes (England) v South Africa, Johannesburg, 1913
9-113	H J Tayfield (South Africa) v England, Johannesburg, 1957
9-121	A A Mailey (Australia) v England, Melbourne, 1921

Yorkshire offer obstacle to Warwickshire

By Ivo Tennant

THERE IS an inconsistency about the cricket of every county challenging for the Britannic Assurance championship that is making for an enthralling finish to the season. Take Warwickshire, still leading the table in spite of the runs they conceded to Nottinghamshire in their last match and to Martyn Moxon on Saturday. A mere five points ahead of Leicestershire, who were themselves beaten in two days by Sussex, they still have much to do to defeat Yorkshire today.

Yorkshire, who are concerning themselves more with next season and their choice of overseas player than they are with immediacy, resume at Scarborough 52 runs ahead with seven second innings wickets in hand. That of Moxon, who has 106 already to his name, is among them. In the course of this innings, he reached 1,000 runs for the season.

Unless Nottinghamshire beat Worcestershire today, Leicestershire will almost certainly remain in second place. This in spite of being bowled out for 90 on their own lively Grace Road pitch on Friday. A final word on this match: Nigel Briers, their captain, is convinced a southern mafia is intent on doing them down. There is a danger that such a paranoia will seep through his side to their detriment.

Nottinghamshire, having not won a championship match throughout July, are remarkably well placed. They lead Worcestershire at Kidderminster by 361 runs. The fitness and the resurgence of Lewis, which have been accepted seemingly without question by England's selectors, have had much to do with this. Since his county went through such a lean time last month, he has made 422 runs and taken 13 wickets — five of them in Worcestershire's first innings.

As for Nottinghamshire's runs, these were mostly made by Robinson. His century was his fourth against Worcestershire. Having survived 26 overs for 23 on this pitch prepared by Denis Berry Jones (at least being christened in the names of two of England's greatest batsmen is better than having to live with an entire team of footballers) he finished with 134 from 243 balls, including 19 fours.

Somerset, now in fourth place, are another county whose cricket has been conspicuously flawed of late. Having been beaten by Middlesex and criticised for unadventurous batting, they defeated Essex in three days at Weston-super-Mare. Here, too, was a lively pitch and Caddick and Van Troost were quite a proposition on it. If the reasons for Essex re-signing Mark Waugh had not been obvious before, they were now.

The Weston festival is perennially threatened, as for that matter is the one at Bath, and there has been talk of the ground at Taunton being developed, which makes one wonder whether Somerset appreciate just how fortunate they are to have three such attractive venues. Once they had 12 — but that was in the days when they played their cricket in other counties in addition to their own.

Although everything that occurred in the championship was overshadowed by Malcolm's great feat at the Oval, there was another England bowler who took nine wickets. McCague, who would like nothing better than a tour this winter to the country where he grew up, took nine Derbyshire wickets for 86.

SATURDAY'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON: third day of four; Surrey with five second-innings wickets in hand require 130 runs to avoid an innings defeat by Hampshire

SURREY: First innings 151 (A D Brown 71; S D Udal 5 for 45)

Second innings

D J Bicknell b Maru ... 11
M A Butcher c Ayling b James ... 56
G M Ward c Aymes b James ... 0
A D Brown c Udal b Maru ... 0
D J Monkhouse c James b Udal ... 1
M A Lynch not out ... 41
A W Smith not out ... 0
Extras (b 6, w 1, nb 12) ... 19
Total (5 wkts) ... 128

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-30, 4-30, 5-104

BOWLING: Connor 10-1-38-0; Ayling 7-1-23-0; James 11-3-30-2; Udal 14-5-31-2; Maru 20-6-1-2

HAMPSHIRE: First innings

T C Middleton c Brown b Bicknell ...
V P Terry c Monkhouse b Bicknell ...
G W White b M P Bicknell ...
R A Smith b Bicknell ...
M C J Nicholas c Ward b Feltham ...
K D James c Brown b Monkhouse ...
M N Lunn c Nicholas b Feltham ...
S D Udal not out ...
J P Maru not out ...
Extras (b 5, lb 14, w 4, nb 9) ...
Total (7 wkts dec, 142.3 overs) ... 603

Score at 100 overs: 499-5

C A Connor and K J Ayling did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-[illegible], 2-[illegible], 3-[illegible], 4-[illegible], 5-297, 6-561, 7-561

BOWLING: Bicknell 29-4-[illegible]-3; Feltham 25-4-[illegible]-2; Monkhouse 27-4-[illegible]-1; M P Bicknell 24-4-[illegible]-1; Brown 3-1-[illegible]-0; Butcher 1-0-[illegible]-0; Ward 1-0-[illegible]-0; Smith 1-0-[illegible]-0

Bonus points: Hampshire 3, Surrey 0

Umpires: P Willey and D R Shepherd

Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON: third day of four; Middlesex, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 96 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

MIDDLESEX: First innings 288 (J D Carr 126; M A Roseberry 52; P C R Tufnell 5 for 84)

Second innings

D L Haynes b Penberthy ...
M A Roseberry c Ambrose ...
*M W Gatting not out ...
M R Ramprakash b Ambrose ...
J D Carr not out ...
Extras (b 5, w 1) ...
Total (3 wkts) ... 153

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-[illegible], 2-[illegible], 3-[illegible]

BOWLING: Ambrose 16-5-[illegible]-[illegible]; Penberthy 10-1-[illegible]-[illegible]; Capel 7-1-[illegible]-0; Roberts 6-0-[illegible]-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings

R R Montgomerie c Ramprakash b Fraser ...
A Fordham c Brown b Fraser ...
N A Felton c Brown b Fraser ...
R J Bailey c Carr b Malcolm ...
*A L Penberthy c Roseberry b Fraser ...
K M Curran c Ramprakash b Fraser ...
D J Capel c Roseberry b Malcolm ...
A R Roberts c Gatting b Peirson ...
C E L Ambrose c and b Peirson ...
J G Hughes c Peirson b Malcolm ...
†D Ripley not out ...
Extras (b 10, lb 20, w 2, nb 2) ... 42
Total ... 461

Score at 100 overs: 402-6

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-64, 3-272, 4-357, 5-389, 6-402, 7-432, 8-445, 9-461

BOWLING: Fraser 31-4-114-3; Shine 14-4-30-0; Tufnell 42.1-12-121-5; Feltham 25-4-75-1; Weekes 27-1-73-1

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 3, Middlesex 0

Umpires: J H Harris and R Palmer

Lancashire v Gloucestershire

OLD TRAFFORD: third day of four; Gloucestershire, with four second-innings wickets in hand, require 70 runs to beat Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First innings 176

Second innings

S P Titchard b Walsh ... 4
M Hardy b Walsh ... 13
N J Speak lbw b Walsh ... 16
N H Fairbrother c Alleyne ... 105
G D Lloyd c Wright b Hike ... 15
*D P Hughes c Russell b Pike ... 6
†W K Hegg lbw b Walsh ... 0
P J Martin not out ... 9
G Chapple b Walsh ... 0
Extras (b 4, lb 12, nb 12) ... 28
Total ... 366

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-39, 3-54, 4-128, 5-299, 6-306, 7-314, 8-346, 9-353

BOWLING: Walsh 26.5-1-91-5; Williams 12-3-60-0; Pike 31-6-109-3; Bail 7-2-21-0; Alleyne 17-3-48-2

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings 486 (G N Windows 85, D Austin 4 for 85, P J Martin 4 for 97)

Second innings

A J Wright lbw b Watkinson ... 10
M G N Windows c Hegg b Martin ... 32
G D Hodgson b Fairbrother ... 7
P W Dawson c Speak b Watkinson ... 7
M W Alleyne c Hardy b Martin ... 15
†R C Hancock not out ... 0
*R C Russell not out ... 0
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 1, nb 8) ... 16
Total (5 wkts) ... 155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-120, 3-120, 4-149, 5-149

BOWLING: Martin 14.4-2-33-2; Chapple 9-2-30-0; Austin 9-1-53-0; Watkinson 15-5-32-2; Yates 6-0-27-1

Bonus points: Lancashire 4, Gloucestershire 0

Umpires: A A Jones and B Dudleston

Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire

KIDDERMINSTER: third day of four; Nottinghamshire, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 361 runs ahead of Worcestershire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 391 (C C Lewis 77, R T Robinson 67, N V Radford 5 for 92)

Second innings

P R Pollard lbw b Newport ... 17
*R T Robinson c Leatherdale b D Cleverley ... 134
G F Archer c Botham b Pringworth ... 0
R A Johnson c Moody b Newport ... 0
J C Adams b Pringworth ... 0
C C Lewis c Hayhurst b Illingworth ... 0
†M N Fields-Davies c Hayhurst b Illingworth ... 0
P E Evans not out ... 0
G W Mike not out ... 9
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 9) ... 12
Total (7 wkts) ... 315

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-79, 3-138, 4-247, 5-247, 6-254, 7-299

BOWLING: Radford 13.5-4-45-0; Simmons 13-1-57-1; Illingworth 44-4-107-2; Newport 13-2-37-2; D Cleverley 11-1-47-2

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

*P S Quick lbw b Pick ... 0
M Church lbw b Lewis ... 22
T M Moody c Noon b Lewis ... 41
G R Haynes c Evans b Pick ... 98
[illegible] c Hendrick c Noon b Evans ... [illegible]
[illegible] c Hendrick b Lewis ... [illegible]
[illegible] not out ... [illegible]
[illegible] c Hogginson b Pick ... [illegible]
[illegible] c Pollard b Noon ... [illegible]
[illegible] c Pollard b Mike ... 6
[illegible] c Evans b Lewis ... 3
Extras (b 2, nb 10) ... 12
Total (98.5 overs) ... 285

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-67, 3-74, 4-162, 5-207, 6-236, 7-236, 8-251, 9-276

BOWLING: Pick 20-4-56-3; Evans 19-5-[illegible]-1; Mike 19-5-71-1; Hogginson 9-2-[illegible]-0; Lewis 19.5-3-71-5; Adams 1-0-5-0

Bonus points: Worcestershire 0, Nottinghamshire 4

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty

Yorkshire v Warwickshire

SCARBOROUGH: third day of four; Yorkshire, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, are 52 runs ahead of Warwickshire

YORKSHIRE: First innings 310 (R Blakey 62, P J Hartley 61, G Welch 4 for 74)

Second innings

*M D Moxon not out ... 106
M P Vaughan c Davis ... 49
D Byas c and b Davis ... 7
A A Metcalfe c Piper b Davis ... 3
*R J Blakey not out ... 34
Extras (b 1) ... 2
Total (3 wkts) ... 201

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-101, 3-109

BOWLING: Small 6-2-36-0; Munton 8-0-34-0; Davis 26-6-59-3; Smith 24-6-69-0

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings

A J Moles b Stemp ... 66
N G Cowley c Parker b Hartley ... 1
B C Lara c Blakey b Wharf ... 21
D P Ostler c and b Batty ... 166
T L Penney lbw b Stemp ... 18
G Welch c Blakey b Stemp ... 60
*†T A Lloyd b Robinson ... 17
N M K Smith c Batty ... 34
P A Davis b Robinson ... 0
G C Small c Metcalfe b Stemp ... 3
*† A Munton not out ... 11
Extras (b 9, nb 22) ... 31
Total ... 459

Score at 120 overs: 386-5

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-[illegible], 2-44, 3-235, 4-267, 5-[illegible], 6-382, 7-400, 8-408, 9-419

BOWLING: Hartley 24-10-[illegible]-1; Wharf 22-4-78-1; Robinson 31-12-63-2; Stemp 46-11-[illegible]-4; Batty 14.4-3-55-2; Vaughan 1-0-2-0

Bonus points: Yorkshire 3, Warwickshire 4

Umpires: J D Bond and G I Burgess

Durham v Glamorgan

HARTLEPOOL: third day of four; Durham (1 pt) lead Glamorgan (5) by three wickets

GLAMORGAN: First innings 206 (S J E Brown 5 for 68)

Second innings 282 (M P Maynard 71, R D B Croft 53, A Walker 4 for 59)

DURHAM: First innings 230 (J E Morris 57, J D Lewis 52, R D B Croft 4 for 76)

Second innings

J I Longley lbw b Watkin ... 3
M Saxelby c Barwick b Gibson ... 29
N E Brown c Metson b Gibson ... 8
*P W G Parker c Dalton b Gibson ... 0
J A Daley c Metson b Gibson ... 0
S Hutton c Metson b Gibson ... 45
A C Cummins c Croft b Gibson ... 40
†D W Scott not out ... 19
Extras (b 4, lb 12, w 5, nb 6) ... 27
Total (7 wkts) ... 282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-16, 3-98, 4-100, 5-100, 6-194, 7-236

BOWLING: Gibson 20-2-88-6; Watkin 18-1-70-1; Barwick 19-6-40-0; Croft 14.5-1-48-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer.

Derbyshire v Kent

DERBY: third day of four; Derbyshire with seven second-innings wickets in hand require 247 runs to beat Kent

KENT: First innings 330 (S A Marsh 88, T R Ward 66, M A Ealham 64, D G Cork 6 for 80)

Second innings

T R Ward c Barnett b Warner ... 15
*M R Benson c Krikken b Warner ... 0
M J Walker c Base b Warner ... 33
C L Hooper c Base b Vandrau ... 89
N J Llong b Kruger du Cork ... 16
M V Fleming lbw b Cork ... 30
M A Ealham c Adams b Warner ... 2
*S A Marsh b Vandrau ... 41
M J McCague lbw b Vandrau ... 15
M M Patel c and b Vandrau ... 2
T N Wren not out ... 2
Extras (b 8, w 1, nb 4) ... 13
Total ... 247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-24, 3-61, 4-143, 5-145, 6-146, 7-151, 8-203, 9-226

BOWLING: Warner 21-2-95-4; Base 10-1-39-0; Cork 15-2-52-2; Vandrau 21-10-53-4.

DERBYSHIRE First innings

P D Bowler c Marsh b McCague ... 98
A S Rollins c Patel b McCague ... 7
C J Adams c Hooper b McCague ... 6
†K J Barnett lbw b McCague ... 5
T J G O Gorman b McCague ... 14
D G Cork c Llong b McCague ... 56
C M Wells c Hooper b Patel ... 26
*M J Vandrau c Ward b McCague ... 27
†K M Krikken c Llong b McCague ... 19
A E Warner not out ... 3
S J Base b McCague ... 1
Extras (b 7, lb 17, nb 4) ... 28
Total (104.5 overs) ... 288

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-41, 3-93, 4-99, 5-197, 6-206, 7-252, 8-283, 9-284

BOWLING: McCague 25.5-4-86-9; Wren 17-4-41-1; Ealham 18-7-51-0; Fleming 9-3-19-0; Patel 25-7-46-1; Hooper 10-3-21-0

Second innings

P D Bowler c Marsh b McCague ... 1
A S Rollins not out ... 37
C J Adams lbw b Wren ... 11
T J G O Gorman c Marsh b Wren ... 0
*K J Barnett not out ... 43
Extras (b 5, nb 7) ... 12
Total (3 wkts) ... 105

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-27, 3-27

BOWLING: McCague 6-3-9-1; Wren 12-4-30-2; Ealham 5-1-19-0; Hooper 11-4-13-0; Patel 10-4-19-0

Bonus points: Derbyshire 0, Kent 0

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P B Wright

Somerset v Essex

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: third day of four; Somerset (2 pts) beat Essex (4) by 136 runs

SOMERSET: First innings 225 (M N Lathwell 67, M G Iton 4 for 67)

Second innings

M N Lathwell lbw b Kasprowicz ... 0
M E Trescothick c Gamham b Kasprowicz ... 29
R J Harden b Kasprowicz ... 28
P C L Holloway c Stephenson b Andrew ... 14
*†N J Hayhurst c Gamham b Kasprowicz ... 8
†R J Turner lbw b Such ... 0
G D Rose lbw b Kasprowicz ... 0
S C Ecclestone lbw b Kasprowicz ... 0
A R Caddick c Iton b Andrew ... 23
M R Tremlett c Gamham b Kasprowicz ... 7
A R van Troost not out ... 7
Extras (b 10, w 1, nb 14) ... 25
Total ... 241

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-24, 3-55, 4-76, 5-124, 6-172, 7-172, 8-218, 9-220

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 27.2-2-83-7; Ilott 14-2-56-0; Stephenson 15-2-46-0; Andrew 19-5-29-2; Such 4-0-19-1

ESSEX: First innings 140 (A R van Troost 4 for 50)

Second innings

N V Knight c Hayhurst b Caddick ... 39
J P Stephenson c Trescothick b Rose ... 6
J J B Lewis c Hayhurst b Caddick ... 18
N Hussain c Rose b Trump ... 28
*P J Prichard c Turner b Caddick ... 7
R C Irani c Turner b van Troost ... 19
†M A Garnham c Turner b van Troost ... 0
M S Kasprowicz b Rose ... 10
M C Ilott not out ... 30
S J W Andrew c Rose b Trump ... 3
P M Such c Ecclestone b Trump ... 29
Extras (nb 4) ... 4
Total ... 193

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-66, 3-69, 4-85, 5-102, 6-104, 7-123, 8-132, 9-143

BOWLING: Caddick 16-4-47-3; van Troost 15-2-61-2; Rose 15-5-39-2; Ecclestone 2-0-5-0; Hayhurst 1-0-7-0; Trump 7-2-34-3.

Umpires: J W Holder and K J Lyons

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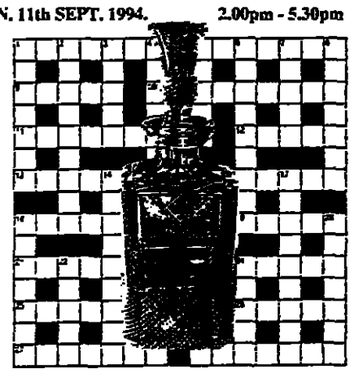
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Illingworth revels in new-found aggression that overwhelms South Africa

Transformed England discover self-belief

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE OVAL (fourth day of five): England beat South Africa by eight wickets

HALFWAY through the extra hour on Friday evening, England were on their knees. They trailed South Africa by 110 runs with only the dregs of their batting alive and their hassled and harried captain was awaiting another audience with the match referee. It could hardly have been less portentous for the stunningly ruthless cricket that culminated in a post-match Sunday luncheon party for thousands on the Oval outfield.

The transformation was so swift and complete as to be barely believable. Its genesis was in that half-hour at the end of the second day, when Darren Gough and Phillip DeFreitas batted with a frenetic self-belief that infused a degree of positive thinking seldom seen in England teams of recent years. "After that," enthused Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, "we played the best aggressive Test cricket I have ever seen in my life."

South Africa were simply swept away, confounded by Devon Malcolm's fantasy fast bowling and then crushed by batting that paid no heed to fear or failure. For almost two days, an England victory had been the least likely outcome of this match, yet they achieved it, in a welter of strokeplay and emotion, with more than five sessions unused. A series had been saved in a style that made it baffling that it could ever have been at risk.

The South Africans were as gracious in defeat as they had been in victory at Lord's. Quite the nicest touch of a raw-boned game played in wonderful spirit — despite the interventions of the referee — was the insistence of Allan Donald and Fanie de Villiers, the last-wicket pair, on waiting at the pavilion gate on Saturday evening to clap Malcolm off the field first, shaking his hand as he went.

Here were two fast bowlers who have had their days in the spotlight, encouraging one of their own to enjoy his special moment. And what a moment it was, as the fastest bowler in the country, if not the world, beamingly accepted the roars of a full house for the performance of his lifetime. For every day when Malcolm gets the radar right, there will be two when he misfires, but he can cherish the memory of this one for the rest of his career.

There were those, myself included, who would have left him out of the final eleven here on the grounds that three fast bowlers should be sufficient and a spin bowler should be essential. Illingworth was gleeful, yesterday, in claiming vindication for the selection and, however much I still question the principle, the outcome cannot be disputed.

Illingworth related how he approached Malcolm for a quiet word before he went out to bowl and found him with his habitual headphones clamped in place. "I lifted it up to speak to him and Land of Hope and Glory blared out," said Illingworth. "I left him to it."

Malcolm was inspired on Saturday, whether by the music, the bang on the head he took from de Villiers or the bullring atmosphere of this ground. After his first two overs with the new ball, he had taken three for nought and, for all the cultured defiance of Daryll Cullinan's 94, South Africa, the great survivors, could find no escape route this time.

Sixteen overs remained of Saturday's play when England began their pursuit of 204. By the end of that brief session, the target was more than halved. It was astonishingly vibrant batting from Graham Gooch, Michael Atherton and Graeme Hick, though what might have happened if Brian McMillan had not dropped Gooch at second slip in Donald's first over hardly bears contemplation.

Gooch had already struck Donald for two consecutive fours. Now, he destroyed him with a quite savage onslaught on this still-perfect pitch. Donald bowled four overs, in two spells of two, and conceded 45 runs. When added to the caning he had taken from Gough and DeFreitas, the strike bowler had conceded 75 runs in seven overs.

Although Gooch had gone, it was no better for Donald yesterday. His short balls were too wide, his full-length balls strayed to leg. Even de Villiers, usually metronomic in his accuracy, lapsed so severely in length and line that Hick, revelling in the instant involvement of the No 3 role, flayed him to all corners of the ground. So convincing was Hick, indeed, that his defensive pushes stung the hands and his second century in successive Tests was denied only by the brevity of the chase.

Atherton could not quite fulfil his aim of seeing the side through and he was caught behind off a brutal lifter from Donald. Thorpe arrived brisfling with strokes, as he has been since his belated recall to the side, and, as he drove Matthews straight for four to complete victory, he punched the air symbolically. England had won at the Oval for the third time in four years. Perhaps they should play here all the time.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



The dispirited South Africans prepare to troop off the Oval as Thorpe and Hick share the moment of England's triumph in the third Test yesterday

DETAILS FROM THE OVAL

ENGLAND: First Innings

G A Gooch c Richardson b Donald 8 (61min, 43 balls, 1 four)
*M A Atherton lbw b de Villiers ..... 0 (5min, 1 ball)
G A Hick b Donald ..... 39 (138min, 85 balls, 4 fours)
G P Thorpe b Matthews ..... 79 (158min, 115 balls, 11 fours)
A J Stewart b de Villiers ..... 62 (154min, 106 balls, 7 fours)
J P Crawley c Richardson b Donald 5 (27min, 12 balls, 1 four)
†S J Rhodes lbw b de Villiers ..... 11 (52min, 33 balls, 1 four)
P A J DeFreitas run out (Cullinan) . 37 (55min, 31 balls, 4 fours, 1 six)
D Gough not out ..... 42 (68min, 47 balls, 6 fours, 1 six)
J E Benjamin lbw b de Villiers ..... 0 (6min, 7 balls)
D E Malcolm c sub (T G Shaw) b Matthews .. .. 4 (8min, 4 balls, 1 four)
Extras (b 1, w 1, nb 15) 17
Total (372min, 77 overs) 304

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1 (Gooch 0), 2-33 (Hick 21), 3-93 (Thorpe 41), 4-145 (Stewart 10), 5-165 (Stewart 26), 6-219 (Rhodes 11), 7-222 (DeFreitas 3), 8-292 (Gough 34), 9-293 (Gough 35).

BOWLING: Donald 17-2-76-3 (nb 8; 8-2-16-1, 3-0-12-1, 4-0-18-1, 2-0-30-0), de Villiers 19-3-82-4 (nb 7; 3-0-12-1, 7-2-20-0, 2-1-5-0, 4-0-18-2, 3-0-7-1); Matthews 21-4-82-2 (5-0-16-0, 5-1-16-0, 4-1-13-1, 4-1-21-0, 3-1-16-1), McMillan 12-1-67-0 (nb 6, w 1; 5-1-23-0, 2-0-11-0, 5-0-33-0); Cronje 8-3-16-0 (nb 1; one spell).

Second Innings

G A Gooch b Matthews ..... 33 (27min, 20 balls, 7 fours)
*M A Atherton c Richardson b Donald ..... 63 (161min, 113 balls, 12 fours)
G A Hick not out ..... 81 (151min, 81 balls, 13 fours)
G P Thorpe not out ..... 15 (17min, 14 balls, 3 fours)
Extras (lb 6, nb 7) 13
Total (2 wkts, 180min, 35.3 overs) 205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56 (Atherton 20), 2-180 (Hick 73).

BOWLING: Donald 12-1-66-1 (nb 12, 2-0-27-0, 2-0-18-0, 5-1-17-0, 3-0-34-1), de Villiers 12-0-68-0 (nb 3, 5-0-35-0, 2-0-5-0, 3-0-17-0, 2-0-9-0), Matthews 11.3-4-37-1 (4-0-20-1, 1-0-1-0, 6 3-4-16-0).

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 332 (B M McMillan 93, D J Richardson 58, J E Benjamin 4 for 42, P A J DeFreitas 4 for 93)

Second Innings

P N Kirsten c DeFreitas b Malcolm 1 (16min, 13 balls)
G Kirsten c and b Malcolm ..... 0 (6min, 3 balls)
W J Cronje b Malcolm ..... 0 (11min, 7 balls)
*K C Wessels c Rhodes b Malcolm 28 (94min, 61 balls, 4 fours)
D J Cullinan c Thorpe b Gough 94 (220min, 134 balls, 12 fours)
B M McMillan c Thorpe b Malcolm 25 (82min, 63 balls, 4 fours)
†D J Richardson lbw b Malcolm ..... 3 (7min, 7 balls)
C R Matthews c Rhodes b Malcolm 0 (2min, 3 balls)
J N Rhodes c Rhodes b Malcolm 10 (37min, 20 balls, 1 four)
P S de Villiers not out ..... 0 (5min, 2 balls)
A A Donald b Malcolm ..... 0 (2min, 2 balls)
Extras (lb 5, nb 9) 14
Total (247min, 50.3 overs) 175

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0 (P Kirsten 0), 2-1 (Cronje 0), 3-1 (Wessels 0), 4-73 (Cullinan 35), 5-137 (Cullinan 71), 6-143 (Cullinan 74), 7-143 (Cullinan 74), 8-175 (Rhodes 10), 9-175 (de Villiers 0).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 12-3-25-0 (nb 2; 6-3-6-0, 6-0-19-0); Malcolm 16.3-2-57-9 (nb 3; 5-2-4-3, 6-0-36-1, 5 3-0-17-5); Gough 9-1-39-1 (nb 5, 3-0-16-0, 5-1-19-0, 1-0-4-1); Benjamin 11-1-38-0 (nb 2; 8-1-24-0, 3-0-14-0), Hick 2-0-11-0 (one spell).

Umpires: R S Dunne (New Zealand) and K E Palmer (England).
TV replay umpire: A G T Whitehead (England)
Match referee: P J P Burge (Australia).
Man of the match: D E Malcolm.
Men of the series: England: D E Malcolm. South Africa: B M McMillan.

Wessels admits pressure proved too great

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

THE South Africans left the Oval yesterday with their morale as battered as Jonty Rhodes's helmet and Allan Donald's bowling analysis. No less than England, they had been transformed in the last two days, their team spirit, so much a feature of their recent success, remorselessly exposed by the failure of their key individuals.

Donald, who arrived at the Oval as the man most likely to win the series for South Africa, left as the symbol of their defeat. His last 16 overs — four on Friday evening, 12 in the England second innings — cost 138 runs. By the end, he was bowling as if expecting to be hit.

Donald's heart had been broken by the assault of DeFreitas and Gough at the end of the England first innings and by the dropped catch which allowed Gooch to escape in the first over of the second. In between, Malcolm's nine wickets had only served to raise the level of expectation — of Donald himself and, certainly, of his team mates. For once, he found it too much.

Friendship among the South Africans proved a flimsy barrier to the surge of adrenalin which must have coursed through English veins as DeFreitas insolently deposited Donald back over his head or Malcolm whistled the first ball of the second innings past Gary Kirsten's nose.

Such incidents ask collective questions of a side. But the South Africans had no answer and the worrying aspect for the them is that for all their genuine resolve, they have now led their last three series and not won any of them.

"Some of our younger players' have never really been exposed to pace like that," Wessels said. "But I don't think you can question the character or the courage of the side," admitting that South Africa needed to bring their spinners into play.

Wessels, as generous in defeat as he had been in victory said: 'England put us under a lot of pressure. We were beaten by the better side." before offered parting words of advice and optimism for the winter.

"The secret of playing the Australians is to be aggressive and take the game to them. If England play like they did at the Oval, they must have a chance."

Worcestershire in pole position

BY SIMON WILDE

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 21 runs

AS ALL potential Sunday league champions must, Worcestershire withstood the pressure of another tense and hard-fought encounter yesterday. The match remained in the balance until Matthew Church took a brilliant running catch at long-off to dismiss Chris Lewis, who had struck 75 off 85 balls and taken Nottinghamshire to within 24 runs of victory.

Worcestershire are now in pole position, joint top with a game in hand over their nearest rival. Worcestershire won their previous two Sunday matches by three runs and two runs and defending a total of only 169 for nine required equally cool nerves. Their bowlers responded superbly — Lampitt took four wickets at the death — even if their fielders did not. Lewis was dropped twice: once before he had scored and again the ball before he was out.

Despite coming in at 10 for two and losing a succession of partners, Lewis batted with confidence and maturity. Only Adams, with whom he put on 44 in 13 overs, and Bates, who helped add 46 in nine overs in a frenzied atmosphere, offered him worthwhile support.

There were a number of uncomfortable reminders of the ill-feeling between the sides since the controversial dismissal of Mark Crawley in the NatWest Trophy tie last month.

The first came from Lewis himself, who otherwise displayed all the good-humoured exuberance expected of a cricketer just called up by his country. Towards the end of Worcestershire's innings he singularly failed to apologise to Illingworth — who played a prominent part in the Crawley incident — for hitting him on the hand with a "beamer".

Then, when Nottinghamshire batted, Adams, on seven, made a show of not knowing whether he had hit the ball when Worcestershire strongly appealed for a leg-side catch. The frankest exchange of views, though, occurred when Noon, given out caught behind off Lampitt, questioned whether the ball had carried and was waved towards the pavilion first by Edwards, the catcher, and then by a section of the crowd.

Worcestershire's innings lost its way badly after their openers, Curtis and Moody, who put on 60, were dismissed. When Moody was out in the fifteenth over, and even when Curtis followed him at 76 in the eighteenth, a total in excess of 200 was on the cards. Instead, Nottinghamshire established such a stranglehold that only one subsequent partnership yielded more than 20 runs and no further boundaries were conceded.

For this, the visitors had to thank one of their eight uncapped players, James Hindson, a left-arm spinner. He is only 20 and had not appeared in a one-day match for the county before, but showed both accuracy and acumen in firing the ball into the legs of the batsmen.

☐ Kent, in third place in the table, beat Derbyshire, fifth placed, by 76 runs through an outstanding all-round performance by the acting captain, Carl Hooper. He made 113 and then took four wickets with his off spin. Another century, this by James, enabled Glamorgan to beat Durham.

An obdurate half-century by Wells brought Sussex victory over Leicestershire by 42 runs. At Weston-super-Mare, where Somerset beat the bottom county, Essex, by 85 runs, Ecclestone and Trump both returned their best bowling figures.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

AXA Equity & Law League

Derbyshire v Kent

DERBY (Kent won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 76 runs

KENT

T R Ward run out 35
M V Fleming c Cork b Base 12
*C L Hooper c Rollins b Wells 113
M J Walker not out Warner 89
G R Cowdrey b Warner 32
M A Ealham not out 6
Extras (lb 10, w 14, nb 4) 28
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs) 295

†S C Willis, N J Llong, M M Patel, T N Wren and M J McCague did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-81, 3-244, 4-289.

BOWLING: Base 8-0-26-1; Wells 8-0-65-1; Warner 7-0-59-1; Vandrau 5-0-35-0; Cork 8-0-52-0; Adams 4-0-48-0.

DERBYSHIRE

P D Bowler c Willis b Ealham 19
D G Cork run out 5
C J Adams c Walker b Ealham 38
T J G O'Gorman b Hooper 42
*K J Barnett c Wren b Hooper 43
A S Rollins b Fleming 29
C M Wells c Willis b Fleming 2
A E Warner c Willis b Fleming 0
M J Vandrau c Wren b Hooper 9
†K M Krikken not out 9
S J Base c McCague b Hooper 3
Extras (b 2, lb 10, w 8) 20
Total (34.4 overs) 219

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-53, 3-72, 4-144, 5-163, 6-181, 7-181, 8-200, 9-204

BOWLING: Wren 6-0-37-0; Ealham 6-0-32-2; Patel 4-0-41-0, McCague 5-1-17-0; Hooper 7.4-0-50-4; Fleming 6-0-30-3

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P B Wight.

Yorkshire v Warwickshire

SCARBOROUGH (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 54 runs

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon c Piper b N M K Smith . 40
D Byas c Munton b Welch 55
†R J Blakey not out 55
B Parker c Moles b P A Smith 22
P J Hartley not out 28
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 5) 9
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs) 209

A A Metcalfe, A P Grayson, A G Wharf, G M Hamilton, R D Stemp and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-88, 2-112, 3-152.

BOWLING: Reeve 8-0-45-0; Munton 8-1-27-0; Smith 4-0-37-0; Welch 8-0-24-1; N M K Smith 8-0-38-1; P A Smith 4-0-34-1.

WARWICKSHIRE

D P Ostler c Blakey b Hartley 6
N M K Smith b Wharf 1
A J Moles c Blakey b Hartley 20
R G Twose c Wharf b Robinson 25
P A Smith lbw b Robinson 5
*D A Reeve lbw b Hamilton 41
T L Penney lbw b Hamilton 0
G Welch c Metcalfe b Wharf 26
†K J Piper b Stemp 4
G C Small b Wharf 7
T A Munton not out 15
Extras (lb 1, w 1, nb 3) 5
Total (33.1 overs) 155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-26, 3-31, 4-48, 5-67, 6-67, 7-102, 8-106, 9-119.

BOWLING: Hartley 7.0-32-2; Wharf 8-2-39-3; Robinson 8-2-20-2; Hamilton 6.1-0-27-2; Stemp 6-0-36-1.

Umpires: H D Bird and G I Burgess.

Lancashire v Gloucestershire

OLD TRAFFORD (Gloucestershire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by five wickets

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A J Wright b Watkinson 39
M G N Windows c Fairbrother b Martin 15
T H C Hancock c Shadford b Watkinson 2
M W Alleyne not out 83
R I Dawson c Watkinson b Yates 2
S G Hinks c Martin b Yates 31
†R C Russell c Titchard b Martin 13
R C Williams run out 8
*C A Walsh run out 0
Extras (lb 1, w 4) 5
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 198

M C J Ball and M Davies did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-30, 3-99, 4-104, 5-183, 6-178, 7-198, 8-198.

BOWLING: Chapple 8-0-22-0; Martin 8-0-52-2; Watkinson 8-0-26-2; Austin 8-0-44-0; Yates 8-0-51-2.

LANCASHIRE

S P Titchard c Wright b Walsh 1
I D Austin c Alleyne b Davies 22
N J Speak c Hancock b Davies 34
N H Fairbrother b Walsh 63
G D Lloyd not out 44
*M Watkinson c Ball b Walsh 10
†W K Hegg not out 12
Extras (lb 7, w 4, nb 2) 13
Total (5 wkts, 38.4 overs) 199

D J Shadford, P J Martin, G Yates and G Chapple did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-41, 3-101, 4-155, 5-172.

BOWLING: Williams 8-0-40-0; Walsh 7.4-3-28-3; Alleyne 8-1-45-0; Davies 8-0-42-2; Ball 6-0-27-0; Hancock 1-0-10-0.

Umpires: B Dudleston and A A Jones

Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by 21 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE

T M Moody lbw b Mike 20
*T S Curtis lbw b Hindson 37
M J Church b Hindson 18
G R Haynes b Hindson 7
D A Leatherdale lbw b Lewis 22
D B D'Oliveira b Hindson 6
S R Lampitt c Crawley b Bates 21
N V Radford lbw b Lewis 0
R K Illingworth c Hindson b Bates 10
P J Newport not out 5
†T Edwards not out 3
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 3, nb 6) 20
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 169

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-76, 3-91, 4-94, 5-102, 6-143, 7-143, 8-157, 9-165.

BOWLING: Lewis 7-0-31-2; Chapman 4-0-19-0; Mike 5-0-15-1; Bates 8-0-34-2; Hindson 8-0-19-4; Adams 8-0-40-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard c Curtis b Newport 4
*R T Robinson c Edwards b Newport ... 3
J C Adams lbw b Radford 25
C C Lewis c Church b Lampitt 75
M A Crawley c Edwards b Radford 0
M P Dowman c Edwards b Lampitt 6
†W M Noon c Edwards b Lampitt 5
G W Mike lbw b Lampitt 0
R T Bates b Illingworth 16
J E Hindson not out 3
R J Chapman lbw b Radford 0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 4) 11
Total (36.3 overs) 148

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-10, 3-54, 4-54, 5-71, 6-93, 7-95, 8-141, 9-146.

BOWLING: Newport 8-0-29-2; Moody 8-2-18-0; Illingworth 8-0-29-1; Radford 8.3-0-43-3; Lampitt 6-1-22-4.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and T E Jesty.

Durham v Glamorgan

HARTLEPOOL (Durham won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Durham by 19 runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James run out 102
A Dale st Scott b Brandbridge 16
D L Hemp c Walker b Cummins 18
*M P Maynard st Scott b Greenway 27
P A Cottey not out 66
O D Gibson not out 5
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 3) 7
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs) 241

R D B Croft, †C P Metson, R P Lefebvre, G P Butcher and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-67, 3-139, 4-219

BOWLING: Wood 5-0-29-0; Bainbridge 8-0-37-1; Cummins 8-0-53-1, Greenway 8-0-36-1; Walker 8-0-57-0; Blenkiron 3-0-25-0

DURHAM

J I Longley lbw b Lefebvre 7
M Saxelby c Hemp b Gibson 1
J E Morris c Metson b Lefebvre 0
J A Daley lbw b Croft 54
*P Bainbridge c James b Barwick 25
A C Cummins c Cottey b Lefebvre 66
D A Blenkiron not out 39
†G W Scott b Lefebvre 0
A Walker b Barwick 6
J Wood c Hemp b Barwick 3
D A Graveney not out 1
Extras (b 2, lb 5, w 11, nb 2) 20
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 222

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-3, 3-21, 4-68, 5-113, 6-203, 7-204, 8-211, 9-219.

BOWLING: Lefebvre 8-0-23-4; Gibson 8-2-38-1; Croft 8-0-42-1; Barwick 8-0-57-3, Butcher 4-0-25-0; Dale 4-0-30-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer

Hampshire v Surrey

SOUTHAMPTON (Hampshire won toss) Hampshire (4pts) beat Surrey by seven wickets

SURREY

D J Bicknell lbw b James 40
A D Brown c Nicholas b James 99
D M Ward c Terry b Jean-Jacques 35
A J Hollioake lbw b James 14
M A Butcher c and b James 4
A W Smith c Aymes b Jean-Jacques .. 24
†G J Kersey c Aymes b James 0
*I A Greig c Aymes b Jean-Jacques .. 7
J Boiling not out 11
N M Kendrick not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 8, nb 4) 26
Total (8 wkts, 39 overs) 261

A C S Pigott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108, 2-169, 3-211, 4-212, 5-221, 6-222, 7-248, 8-248.

BOWLING: Connor 8-1-45-0; Cowans 7-1-53-0; James 8-0-42-5; Jean-Jacques 8-0-44-3; Udal 8-0-63-0

HAMPSHIRE

T C Middleton c Boiling b Kendrick 73
V P Terry c Kersey b Pigott 10
R A Smith not out 110
*M C J Nicholas c Kersey b Pigott 0
G W White not out 49
Extras (lb 7, w 7, nb 6) 20
Total (3 wkts, 37.3 overs) 262

N D James, †A N Aymes, S D Udal, M Jean-Jacques, C A Connor and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-155, 3-159

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 7-0-45-0; Pigott 8-1-36-2; Hollioake 7-0-56-0; Butcher 7-0-54-0, Boiling 3-0-25-0, Kendrick 5.3-0-38-1.

Umpires: V A Holder and P Willey

Northamptonshire v Middlesex

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Northamptonshire by 34 runs

MIDDLESEX

D L Haynes c Curran b Innes 34
J C Pooley b Penberthy 77
M R Ramprakash b Penberthy 73
†K R Brown c Ripley b Walton 24
J D Carr not out 32
P N Weekes not out 13
Extras (lb 5, w 9, nb 2) 16
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs) 269

*M W Gatting, M A Feltham, G A R Harris, P C R Tufnell and K J Shine did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-148, 3-207, 4-233.

BOWLING: Curran 8-0-43-0; Taylor 8-1-47-0; Penberthy 8-0-67-2; Innes 7-0-53-1, Cook 4-0-36-0; Walton 5-0-18-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham b Shine 14
A L Penberthy c Brown b Harris 2
R J Warren c Gatting b Harris 0
K M Curran c Weekes b Feltham 30
T C Walton b Feltham 54
R J Bailey c Gatting b Tufnell 27
*A J Lamb b Tufnell 69
† J Ripley c and b Harris 3
†D Ripley b Harris 1
J P Taylor c Brown b Harris 0
N G B Cook not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 14, w 12, nb 8) 35
Total (98.1 overs) 235

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-20, 3-24, 4-125, 5-130, 6-211, 7-219, 8-221, 9-235

BOWLING: Harris 7 1-1-26-5; Shine 8-0-60-1; Tufnell 8-0-42-2; Feltham 8-0-54-2, Weekes 7-0-38-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and R Palmer.

Leicestershire v Sussex

LEICESTER (Sussex won toss). Sussex (4pts) beat Leicestershire by 42 runs

SUSSEX

K Greenfield c Maddy b Hepworth 31
C W J Athey c Simmons b Hepworth .. 25
F D Stephenson c Smith b Parsons 9
*A P Wells b Mullally 51
M P Speight b Simmons 7
†P Moores b Simmons 5
J A North st Nixon b Wells 3
C C Remy c Stanger b Mullally 9
P W Jarvis c Wells b Hepworth 15
I D K Salisbury not out 13
E S H Giddins not out 0
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 4, nb 20) 37
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs) 205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-59, 2-77, 3-88, 4-121, 5-129, 6-140, 7-172, 8-181, 9-195.

BOWLING: Mullally 8-1-45-2; Stanger 5-0-35-0, Parsons 8-0-25-1; Hepworth 8-0-47-3; Wells 7-0-26-1, Simmons 4-0-14-2

LEICESTERSHIRE

*P V Simmons b Giddins 13
D L Maddy c Moores b Jarvis 4
V J Wells run out 0
B F Smith lbw b Jarvis 0
†P A Nixon c and b Remy 14
P E Robinson b Salisbury 19
P N Hepworth low b Remy 9
J M Dakin c Wells b Remy 41
G J Parsons b Giddins 29
I M Stanger c and b Remy 5
A D Mullally not out 2
Extras (lb 6, w 16, nb 4) 26
Total (37 overs) 163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-21, 3-21, 4-22, 5-49, 6-64, 7-80, 8-133, 9-158

BOWLING: Stephenson 8-0-30-0, Jarvis 6-0-18-2; Giddins 7-1-32-2; Salisbury 8-0-34-1; Remy 8-0-43-4.

Umpires: R Julian and G Sharp

Somerset v Essex

WESTON-SUPER-MARE (Essex won toss) Somerset (4pts) beat Essex by 85 runs

SOMERSET

M N Lathwell c Hussain b Illott 5
M E Trescothick c Irani b Such 60
R J Harden c Rollins b Cousins 11
P C L Holloway c Lewis b Cousins 22
G D Rose lbw b Cousins 4
S C Ecclestone b Kasprowicz 14
*A N Hayhurst c Stephenson b Illott .. 38
†R J Turner not out 31
A R Caddick c Hussain b Illott 0
H R J Trump not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 11, w 2, nb 4) 19
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 204

A P van Troost did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-53, 3-96, 4-108, 5-113, 6-140, 7-200, 8-203

BOWLING: Kasprowicz 8-0-46-1; Illott 8-0-36-3; Cousins 8-1-48-3; Stephenson 8-0-38-0; Such 8-0-23-1.

ESSEX

N V Knight b Trump 22
J P Stephenson lbw b Trump 26
N Hussain c Trump b Ecclestone 16
*P J Prichard b Trump 11
J J B Lewis c Turner b Rose 8
R C Irani c Harden b Ecclestone 13
†R J Rollins run out 0
M S Kasprowicz c Trump b Ecclestone 8
M C Ilott b Ecclestone 2
P M Such b Rose 0
D M Cousins not out 0
Extras (lb 5, w 6, nb 2) 13
Total (32.1 overs) 119

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-54, 3-83, 4-85, 5-98, 6-98, 7-111, 8-119, 9-119.

BOWLING: van Troost 5-0-21-0; Caddick 8-0-31-0; Trump 8-3-19-3 Ecclestone 8-0-31-4; Rose 3 1-0-13-2

Umpires: J W Holder and K J Lyons

Leaders tripped up by Yorkshire

BY JACK BAILEY

SCARBOROUGH (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Warwickshire by 54 runs

THIS defeat by Yorkshire was the second suffered by Warwickshire in three matches. Leaders of the Sunday League since July 10, they suffered more of a tumble than a stumble. The fact that it occurred here in front of 10,000 appreciative Yorkshiremen — appreciative of Yorkshire's victory, that is — made it none the more palatable.

News of Worcestershire's victory, which brings them level at the top of the table with a game in hand, has done nothing to lighten the gloom. While Warwickshire's out-cricket bore the somewhat jaded look of a greyhound with too many hares to chase, Yorkshire's was keen as mustard, their two 19-year-old seam bowlers, Wharf and Hamilton played a full part in keeping the Bear tethered to his Ragged Staff and the victory was well justified.

Wharf is having quite a week by the seaside; cutting off Lara in his prime on Friday, picking up three good wickets on Sunday. Yesterday there was no Lara. His place was taken by Moles, who became something of a cult figure with the crowd as he sent his portly frame scuttling round the boundary.

On this pitch and with their proven record in the run-chasing stakes, Warwickshire were quietly confident when they set out on their mission of scoring 210 to win. Yorkshire had been reined in for longer spells than seemed warranted by most of Warwickshire's bowling.

In company with Moxon, Byas got Yorkshire away to an ideal start. Only the ever-reliable Munton stemmed the bleeding early on, both Reeve and Small coming in for heavy punishment despite Warwickshire's excellent ground fielding. Indeed, Small's first three-over spell went for 27 runs.

It was soon plain, too, that Warwickshire's batting would not measure up. Half the side was out for 65; Yorkshire fielded brilliantly; there was no weak link. Reeve remained to the end in his familiar role as Captain Courageous, but this time it was of a sinking ship.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11 0, final day of four

DERBY: Derbyshire v Kent
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Surrey
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Middlesex
KIDDERMINSTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Warwickshire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Chelmsford: Essex v Gloucestershire Sittingbourne (Gore Court): Kent v Glamorgan Hinckley: Leicestershire v Lancashire Taunton: Somerset v Derbyshire Cheam: Surrey v Northamptonshire Dudley: Warwickshire v Sussex Old Hill: Worcestershire v Yorkshire

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Neston: Cheshire v Herefordshire Exmouth: Devon v Dorset Long Marston: Hertfordshire v Suffolk.

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Nottingham Forest v Manchester United (8.0)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Dag and Red v Farnborough (7.45) ... Stevenage v Dover (7.45) ...

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Emley v Boston United; Hyde v Winsford

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE. First division: Bolton v Wolverhampton (7.0) Second division: Leicester City v York (7.0); Mansfield v Manchester City (7.0), Oldham v Preston (7.0)

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Wes: Ham, Chelsea v Norwich (7.0); Bristol C v Southampton (2.0)

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton v Barnstaple
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE. First division: Gainsborough v ... Lincoln Town v Worksop

English Open falls to Scot

Montgomerie's quest ends with overdue success

By John Hopkins, golf correspondent

THE lead changed hands five times at different moments in the fourth round of the Murphy's English Open, but, in the end, when the nerve ends began to tighten, the hands to glisten with sweat and a dryness to appear in the throat, it came down to two men.

One was Barry Lane, who had led after 36 holes; the other was Colin Montgomerie, his Ryder Cup teammate last year. Who would be the stronger?

Would it be Montgomerie, who has had nine runner-up places in three years, is ranked tenth in the world but had not yet won in the United Kingdom? His driving had been poor all afternoon, causing him to miss six fairways in his first 13 holes.

Or would it be Lane, who came equal-25th in the US PGA Championship in Oklahoma last Sunday, turned professional when Montgomerie was 13 and led by three strokes with three holes remaining?

Montgomerie, 31, duly won and he did it like the true champion he is in the process of becoming. Yet last year's winner of the European Order of Merit, who is now this season's leader, had to play a dazzling stretch of holes to pip his rival, who made a terrible mess of the 17th.

After an enormous drive had left him with 200 yards to go, Lane's seven-iron shot flew out of the rough and over the green into a fluffy lie near the fringe. From there, he fluffed the first chip and took a bogey six. Then he had to hole a gutsy eight-foot putt on the 18th to save par.

Montgomerie, playing behind Lane, knew what he had to do. First, he stroked in a 20-foot putt on the 15th. Then, he made sure he reached the 17th green, which is fronted by water, in two, which Lane had not done, to shave another stroke from Lane's lead.

Thus Montgomerie stood on the 18th tee needing a par to tie with Lane, a birdie to win. How many times in his childhood had he imagined himself in such a situation? Could he do it now when he needed to?

The Forest of Arden is one of the few courses to conclude with a short hole and Montgomerie calculated he had 202 yards to the flag. He hit a four-iron that bounded through the fringe and stopped eight feet away. His putt seemed destined to go into the heart of the hole from the moment he hit it.

Montgomerie finished 14 under par, with Lane on 13 under, Retief Goosen 12 under and Des Smyth, the overnight leader, and Gordon Brand Jr, 11 under. Montgomerie had gone birdie, par, birdie, birdie over the last four holes to snatch victory.

"He's the No 1 in Europe," Lane said graciously. "That finish was phenomenal." So another mark has fallen to Montgomerie, who arrived in the Midlands with a sore head after his poor performance in Oklahoma.

It was always likely he would channel that anger and determination into a significant performance. He duly did so.

"I did not fancy being in a play-off," Montgomerie said afterwards. "I have been in a few and lost them all — the Volvo PGA Championship, the Volvo Masters and the US Open. It was important that I had the chance to win.

"I am back to No 1, which is nice, and I am certainly playing well enough to win any tournament."

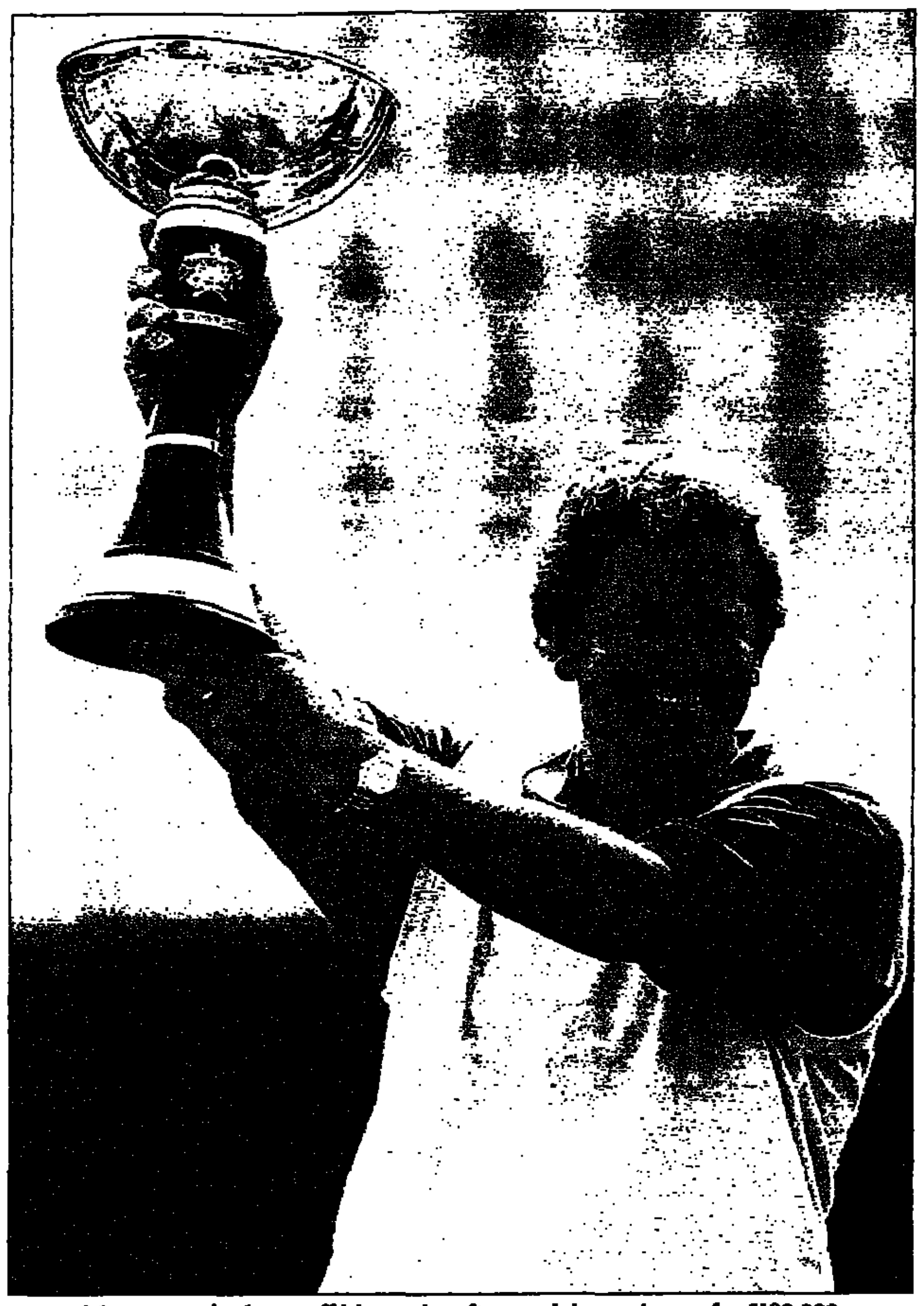
He will be joined in Scotland's team in the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews in October by Andrew Coltart, who has had seven finishes in the top ten in Europe this season. The third place was grabbed by Gordon Brand Jr. He had a sizzling inward nine of 30 to complete a round of 68 that saw him leap up the field.

This pell-mell race to the finish, that included two birdies and an eagle in successive holes starting at the 15th, guaranteed Brand's ninth appearance for his country in this competition.

England's team at St Andrews will be Nick Faldo, Howard Clark and Mark Roe. For Roe, that was good news at the end of a week that had begun with being hit on the head by a golf ball while playing in the pro-am.

FINAL SCORES

FOURTH ROUND (GB and Ire unless stated): **274:** C Montgomerie 70, 67, 68, 69. **275:** B Lane 66, 69, 72, 68. **276:** R Goosen (SA) 72, 72, 65, 67. **277:** G Brand Jr 69, 70, 70, 68; D Smyth 69, 68, 66, 74. **279:** A Bossert (Switz) 69, 71, 69, 70; C Rocca (It) 67, 69, 72, 71; M Davis 72, 70, 66, 71. **281:** S Torrance 70, 69, 72, 70. **282:** R Drummond 73, 70, 71, 68; I Woosnam 68, 70, 72, 72; G Orr 70, 70, 70, 72; A Sherborne 68, 70, 71, 73; V Fernandez (Arg) 69, 71, 69, 72; P Fulke (Swe) 68, 69, 71, 74; G Evans 69, 68, 70, 75. **283:** G Turner (NZ) 72, 72, 71, 68; T Levet (Fr) 71, 71, 71, 70; I Pyman 73, 69, 67, 74. **284:** A Johnstone (Zim) 77, 63, 70, 65(?); S Watson 71, 71, 71, 71. **285:** M Miller 76, 69, 72, 68; J Spence 72, 74, 70, 69; R Davis (Aus) 71, 72, 72, 70; H-P Thuel (Ger) 73, 71, 71, 70; R Allenby (Aus) 69, 71, 70, 75. **286:** P Hedblom (Swe) 67, 70, 79, 70; P Golding 67, 76, 73, 70. **287:** S Lyle 70, 74, 75, 68; E O'Connell 75, 69, 73, 70; J Higgins 75, 71, 71, 70; K Waters 72, 72, 71, 72; A Binaghi (It) 72, 70, 72, 73; W Westner (SA) 69, 72, 72, 74. **288:** D Gilford 70, 75, 73, 69; I Garrido (Sp) 71, 75, 73, 69; F Larsson (Swe) 72, 71, 75, 70; R McFarlane 72, 74, 72, 70; S Richardson 72, 74, 72, 70; N Fasth (Swe) 67, 76, 74, 71; P Affleck 71, 73, 71, 73; M Clayton (Aus) 72, 72, 70, 74; A Murray 71, 74, 69, 74. **289:** P Way 70, 76, 73, 70; S Bottomley 74, 72, 72, 71; E Darcy 67, 74, 76, 72; A Coltart 69, 72, 75, 73; P Mitchell 71, 74, 71, 73; P Price 71, 71, 72, 75; L Westwood 69, 70, 71, 79. **290:** P Linhart (Sp) 72, 73, 76, 69; B Marchbank 73, 72, 75, 70; I Palmer (SA) 69, 71, 79, 71; D Williams 74, 70, 75, 71; I Spencer 73, 73, 71, 73; P Simpson 72, 72, 71, 75; P Eales 75, 71, 69, 75. **291:** P Moloney (Aus) 71, 73, 75, 72; P Mayo 72, 71, 75, 73; J McHenry 74, 72, 72, 73; A Oldcorn 71, 73, 71, 76. **292:** R Chapman 75, 71, 76, 70; P Parkin 68, 75, 76, 73; J van de Velde (Fr) 74, 72, 72, 74; D Clarke 73, 73, 72, 74. **293:** C Hall 73, 72, 79, 69; P Broadhurst 74, 72, 75, 72; G Levenson (SA) 74, 71, 75, 73; M-A Jimenez (Sp) 70, 70, 78, 75. **294:** J Rystrom (Swe) 74, 71, 77, 72. **295:** A Cejka (Ger) 72, 74, 79, 70; F Regard (Fr) 72, 71, 78, 74; G Ryall 74, 72, 74, 75. **296:** M Gates 75, 71, 73, 77. **299:** J-M Canizares (Sp) 72, 74, 79, 74. **302:** M Mouland 70, 74, 82, 76. **304:** P Lawrie 73, 71, 76, 84.



Montgomerie shows off his trophy after receiving a cheque for £100,000

Neumann enjoys support

LISELOTTE Neumann was cheered home by a large Swedish gallery as she crowned a marvellous two weeks with a final round of 67 to win the Trygg-Hansa Open over the Haninge course in Stockholm yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Neumann, the winner of the Weetabix British Open at Woburn seven days earlier, sealed her third European victory of the year with an 18-under-par aggregate of 274 to finish four strokes ahead of Corinne Dibnah, of Australia, who was also second last year.

Annika Sorenstam, another Swede, equalled the course record of 66 to finish third with Helen Alfredsson and Sofia Gronberg-Whitmore not far behind to complete a memorable week for the home nation.

A winner's cheque for £15,000 made Neumann the first player to breach the six-figure season's earnings in Europe. This was her final appearance on the greens in Europe this year and her winnings of £102,750 should assure her of the Ford Order of Merit title.

Neumann started the day three strokes ahead of Dibnah, who did nothing wrong, reducing her defict to two with a birdie at the 3rd, but Neumann responded with birdies at the 6th and 8th to lead by four at the final turn.

Coming home, Neumann destroyed the Australian with a staggering burst of four birdies in a row from the long 11th, where she holed from nine feet for her four. Her 67, a tenth consecutive round below par, completed a fourteenth career success for the Swede.

On Saturday, the Swedish Golf Federation announced that they have decided to apply to stage the Europe-United States Solheim Cup match in the year 2000.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Doohan completes comeback with title

MICHAEL Doohan, of Australia, completed a remarkable comeback from injury by winning his first 500cc world motorcycle championship yesterday. Doohan's victory in the Czech Grand Prix was his eighth of the season and gave him an unassailable 87-point lead with three races left.

After mounting the winners' platform to the strains of *Waltzing Matilda*, Doohan, 29, who shattered his right leg in 1992, said: "I really want to thank the doctors and everyone who has supported me. Without them I wouldn't be racing, let alone be champion."

Doohan, on a Honda, had shown a mastery of the Brno track all week, posting an unofficial lap record before losing pole position to Luca Cadalora, of Italy, in the last seconds of qualifying on Saturday. Shinichi Itoh, of Japan, finished second, also on a Honda, and Cadalora third, on a Yamaha.

Rogers chases record

YACHTING: Simon Rogers and his crew left Hartlepool yesterday morning on the last stage of the Teesside British Isles Race with fingers crossed that their Flying Whitbread 30 design, *Sticky Fingers*, could yet break the course record. Rogers and his three-man crew have to average 8.1 knots over the final 360 miles — a tall order for anything but their 30-footer, which has already topped 17 knots during one burst during the first stage from Cowes to Cork and sustained more than ten knots on other stages during this 2,000-mile circumnavigation. To break the record set two years ago by Michael Slades's 80-foot maxi, *Ocean Leopard*, *Sticky Fingers* needs strong northerly or easterly winds.

Italy retain gold

CYCLING: Italy opened the world championship road racing programme in Sicily yesterday with a gold medal ride in the 100 kilometres team time-trial, a performance that provided some compensation for the disappointing haul of two bronze medals won during the track events. It was Italy's third successive victory in the event — and the last. The team trial will be taken out of future championships. Martin Nothstein, of the United States, won the keirin, the closing track event.

Els trails leader

GOLF: Ernie Els, of South Africa, holed ten birdies to finish one stroke off the lead after three rounds of the PGA International tournament at Castle Rock, Colorado, on Saturday. Keith Clearwater, of the United States, made a birdie on the 17th to take 11 points from his round for a three-round total of 30 points. Els, the US Open champion, took 17 points from his round, five more than his total for the first two days. Only the top 24 players advanced to the final round of the stableford event.

Martins dominate

SQUASH: The Martin family reinforced its domination of Australian squash in Melbourne over the weekend when Brett Martin, the 31-year-old world No 2 from Brisbane, took his first Australian Open title while his younger sister Michelle, the Sydney-based 27-year-old women's world champion, took her third Australian Open championship. Michelle defeated Fiona Geaves, of England, in a straight-games quarter-final and went on to take the women's final 15-13, 15-6, 11-15, 15-13 from Liz Irving, of Brisbane.

FOR THE RECORD

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

BADMINTON: Team: Pool A: England 4 Hong Kong 1; New Zealand 4 Nigeria 1; Hong Kong 4 Nigeria 1; England 5 New Zealand 0. Pool B: Malaysia 5 Northern Ireland 0; Scotland 4 Wales 1; Australia 5 [illegible] 0; Wales [illegible] Northern Ireland 1; Malaysia 3 Scotland 2.

BOWLS: Men: Team: Singles [illegible] Pool A: [illegible] Pool B: [illegible] Pairs [illegible] Bruneï 21 Cook Islands 18, South Africa 25 Zambia 19, Hong Kong 25 Canada 14, Jersey 25 Western Samoa 4, Scotland 25 Singapore 7, Wales 25 Kenya 8. Fours (round-robin), Pool A: Northern Ireland 30 Norfolk Island 21, Hong Kong 39 Zambia 8, Jersey 18 Cook Island 17, South Africa 27 Namibia 17, Scotland 27 Botswana 15, Norfolk Island 25 Zambia 17, Northern Ireland 21 Jersey 15, Hong Kong 23 Scotland 19, South Africa 20 Cook Islands 15, Namibia 23 Botswana 26. Pool B: England 29 Brunei 14, Australia 21 Zimbabwe 17, Papua New Guinea 22 Western Samoa 16, Wales 26 Malaysia 11, New Zealand 22 Canada 11, Australia 17 England 15, Papua New Guinea 26 Brunei 20, Zimbabwe 20 Malaysia 13, New Zealand 16 Western Samoa 14, Canada 19 Wales 9. Visually impaired: Singles (round-robin) Pool B: Hong Kong 21 England 2, Australia 21 Zimbabwe 0. Women: Pairs (round-robin) Pool B: England 22 New Zealand 17, Western Samoa 19 Canada 17, Scotland 21 Guernsey 18, Australia 20 Jersey 17. Fours (round-robin) Pool A: Scotland 22 Cook Island 11, South Africa 17 Zambia 14, Zimbabwe 25 Western Samoa 13, Hong Kong 19 England 16, South Africa 23 Scotland 14, Zimbabwe 18 Cook Island 13, England 28 Zambia 7, Western Samoa 19 Hong Kong 13. Pool B: Guernsey 15 Australia 15, Namibia 27 Canada 14; New Zealand 22 Wales 16, Papua New Guinea 29 Norfolk Island 12. Visually impaired: Singles (round-robin): Pool A: New Zealand 21 Australia 6, Hong Kong 21 Canada 13. Pool B: England 21 Scotland 11, Wales 21 Zimbabwe 1[illegible].

BOXING: Preliminary round: Bantamweight (54kg): [illegible] Light (60kg): [illegible] Light-welter (63.5 kg): [illegible] Welter (67 kg): [illegible] Light-heavy (81 kg): [illegible]

CYCLING: Men: 100km time trial: [illegible] Women: 50km time trial: [illegible]

DIVING: Men: 1m springboard: 1, M Murphy [illegible]

GYMNASTICS: Men: Team: 1, Canada [illegible] Individual scores [illegible]

SHOOTING: Men: Pairs Air rifle: [illegible] Pairs free pistol: [illegible] Women: Sport pistol pairs: 1, Australia [illegible] Pairs smallbore rifle prone: [illegible]

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING: Singles: Compulsory figures: [illegible]

SWIMMING: Men: 100m breaststroke: Heat [illegible] Heat 2: [illegible] (Eng) 1 02.87, 2, P Kent (NZ) 1 03.43, 3, P Palnick (Can) 1 04.16, 6, E Stewart (Scot) 1 08.26. Heat 3: 1, P Rogers (Aus) 1 02.69, 2, S Lewis (Aus) 1 04.37, 3, M Mason (Can) 1 04.75, 6, A Ayers (Wales) 1 06.27. Final: 1, Rogers 1 02.62, 2, Gillingham 1 02.65, 3, Cleveland 1 03.20, 4, Kent 1 03.62, 5, Palnick 1 04.04, 6, Lewis 1 04.13, 7, [illegible] 1 04.29, 8, M Mason 1 04.29. 100m butterfly: Heat 1: 1, M [illegible] (Aus) 55.40sec, 2, G Callaghan (NZ) 55.54, 3, J Hickman (Eng) 55.80, 4, E [illegible] (Scot) 56.11, 5, M Watkins (Wales) 56.45, 6, M Bakare (Nigeria) 58.5[illegible], 7, [illegible] (Guer) 1 02.37. Heat 2: 1, [illegible] (Aus) 55.04, 2, D Loader (NZ) 55.43, 3, M [illegible] (Can) 55.85, 4, S Michaels [illegible] [illegible] Heat 3: [illegible] Miller (Aus) 54.91 [illegible] Qualifiers for final: [illegible] 200m freestyle: Heat 1: [illegible] Heat 2: [illegible] Heat 4: [illegible] Women: 100m freestyle: Heat 1: [illegible] Heat 2: [illegible] Heat 4: [illegible] Individual medley: Heat 1: [illegible] 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay: Final: [illegible]

WRESTLING: Light-flyweight (48kg): Quarter-finals: [illegible] Semi-finals: [illegible] Bantamweight (57kg): Quarter-finals: [illegible] Lightweight (68kg): [illegible] Quarter-finals: [illegible] Repechage quarter-finals: [illegible] Middleweight (82kg): Quarter-finals: [illegible] Repechage quarter-finals: [illegible] Semi-finals: [illegible] Heavyweight (100kg): [illegible] Quarter-finals: G Edgelow (Can) bt S Verma (India) decision 9-1. Semi-finals: N Loban (Eng) bt S Pervaiz (Pak) fall, 5-1; Edgelow bt J Chrichon (Nigeria) decision, 4-2.

ATHLETICS

BRUSSELS: Grand prix meeting: Men: 100m: 1, L Christie (GB) 10.03sec, 2, D Mitchell (US) 10.12, 3, J Drummond (US) 10.16. 200m: 1, M Johnson (US) 20.02, 2, J Williams (US) 20.33, 3, D Effiong (Nigeria) 20.55. 800m: 1, P Konchellah (Ken) 1min 44.70sec, 2, W Kiptoler (Ken) 1.44.82, 3, D Kiptoo (Ken) 1.45.19. 1,500m: 1, V Niyongabo (Bur) 3.34.35, 2, A Seddiki (Mor) 3.35.41, 3, F Cacho (Sp) 3.35.62, 7, M Yates (GB) 3.37.62. 5,000m: 1, J Kandu (Ken) 13.25.20, 2, K Boulami (Mor) 13.25.59, 3, A Anton (Sp) 13.25.75. 10,000m: 1, H Gebreselassie (Eth) 27.20.73, 2, S Nyssani (Mor) 27.21.75, 3, A Nzigama (Bur) 27.22.56. 110m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB) 13.22, 2, F Schwarthoff (Ger) 13.44, 3, M McKoy (Austria) 13.45; disqualified: A Jarrett (GB). 400m hurdles: 1, S Matete (Zam) 48.15, 2, O Tverdokhleb (Ukr) 48.39, 3, S Nylander (Swe) 48.47. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, [illegible] 8.17.03, 2, R Kosgei (Ken) [illegible], 3, M Sirk (Ken) 8.13.30. High jump: 1, T Kemp (Bah) 2.31m, 2, S Smith (GB) 2.31m, 3, S Hoen (Nor) 2.28m. Pole vault: 1, S Bubka (Ukr) 5.95m, 2, D Krasnov (Rus) 5.75m, 3, R Gataulin (Russ) 5.70m. Long jump: 1, M Powell (US) 8.58m, 2, [illegible] (US) 8.37m, 3, R McGhee (US) [illegible]. Javelin: 1, J Zelezny (Cz) 88.24m, 2, P Boden (Swe) 83.42m, 3, M Hill (GB) 80.15m. Women: 100m: 1, G Torrence (US) 11.02, 2, M Ottey (Jam) 10.90(?), 3, I Privalova (Russ) 11.07. 200m: 1, Privalova 22.22, 2, G Guidry (US) 22.47, 3, D Young (US) 22.4[illegible]. 100m hurdles: 1, S Dimitrova (Bul) 12.76, 2, [illegible] Graudin (Russ) 12.77, 3, Y Donkova (Bul) [illegible]. 1,500m: 1, [illegible] Graham (Jam) 4.04.[illegible], 2, H Boulmerka (Alg) 4.04.98, 3, [illegible] 4.05.07. Long jump: 1, J Joyner-Kersee (US) 7.11m, 2, H Drechsler (Ger) 7.01m, 3, [illegible] (Ukr) 6.75m. Discus: 1, E Zvereva (Bel) 67.44m, 2, D Costian (Austria) 66.16m, 3, [illegible] Bergman (Nor) 65.64m.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

MELBOURNE: Carlton 13.12 (90) West Coast 9.14 (68); Essendon 20.16 (136) Hawthorn 12.12 (84); Footscray 14.14 (98) Brisbane 13.10 (88); Collingwood 15.17 (107) Geelong 15.8 (104); St Kilda 17.12 (114) Sydney 11.15 (81); Richmond 13.15 (93) Fitzroy 10.3 (63); Melbourne 15.13 (103) North Melbourne 12.11 (83).

BOWLS

WORTHING: Open tournament: Pairs: Final: M Etnave, Leighton Buzzard and I Morgan (Carnavon) bt C Boocer (West Kingsdown) and P Wenner (Snodley) 23-18. Fours: Final: B Mline (Bolton), R Vaughan (Bolton), J Dawke (Bolton) and B Miller (Preston) bt W Gne (Bletchley Town), C Braner (Wolverton Park), P Kenyon (Wolverton Park) and T Westley (Wolverton Park) 20-16.

Home Counties League: Oxfordshire 135 Berkshire 101; Sussex 121 Surrey 136. Midlands County Championship: Leicestershire 115 Nottinghamshire 112. Inter-county: Buckinghamshire 131 Worcestershire 126 Northamptonshire 154 Suffolk 90; Northants 137 Bedfordshire 104.

BOXING

BURIRAM: IBF mini-flyweight title: Ratanapol Sor Vorapin (Thai, holder) bt Manuel Bolivar (Ven) ko.

PRETORIA: IBF junior featherweight title: Vuyani Bungu (SA) bt Kennedy McKinney (US, holder) pts.

CROSS-COUNTRY

NORTH WALES: Paris Horseshoe Fell Race (11 miles 8500ft): 1, C Bond (Bermondsey) 2hr 2min 43sec (record), 2, S Donnolly (Eryri) 2.02.56, 3, I Holmes (Bingley) 2.10.06. Veteran: H Jarrett (Cumberland FR) 2.25.58. Lady: P Brand-Barker (Eryri) 3.47.22 (record).

CYCLING

PALERMO: World championships: Men: Sprint: Final: 1, M Nothstein (US); 2, G Hu[illegible] (Aus); 3, M Hubner (Ger). Keirin: First round (first two to second round): Heat 1: 1, G Neiwand (Aus) 11.165sec, 2, F Pareta (Japan). Heat 2: 1, M Nothstein (US) 10.751, 2, F Paris (It). Heat 3: 1, E Schoels (Bel) 11.155, 2, Jens Fiedler (Ger). Heat 4: 1, F Magne (Fr) 11.427, 2, J Antonio Escuredo (Sp). Heat 5: 1, M Hubner (Ger) 10.965, 2, I Jaus (Lat). Repechages (first two to second round): Heat 1: 1, C Harnett (Can) 11.301, 2, M Arrue (Chile). Heat 2: 1, F Cuadonnich(?) 11.386, 2, J P van Zyl (SA). Heat 3: 1, G Capitano (It) 11.073, 2, T Inokuchi (Japan). Second round (first four to final): Heat 1: 1, Hubner 10.373, 2, Harnett, 3, Pang; 4, Schoels. Heat 2: 1, Nothstein 11.087, 2, Arrue, 3, Fiedler, 4, Guecon. Final: 1, Nothstein 11.270sec, 2, Hubner, 3, Paris. Pursuit: Final: 1, C Boardman (GB), 2, F Moreau (Fr), 3, J Lehmann (Ger). Motor Paced: First race: 1, C Podlesch (Ger) (30km, 23min 47.48sec), 2, R Kongshofer (Austria), 3, T Rellensmann (Ger). Second race: 1, Kongshofer 23min 18.24sec, 2, Podlesch, 3, A Tresin (It). Final standings: 1, Podlesch 85pts, 2, Kongshofer 57, 3, Tresin 43. 1km time trial: 1, F Rousseau (Fr), 2, E Hartwell (US), 3, S Kelly (Aus). Points race: Final: 1, Bruno Risi (Switz) 35, 2, J-B Petersen (Den) 18, 3, F Stocher (Austria) 14. Final: 1, F Colas and F Magne (Fr), 2, J Gluckich and S Rasoch (Ger), 3, F Chiappa and F Paris (It). 100km team time trial: 1, Italy 1hr 57min 54sec, 2, France 2.00.42, 3, Germany 2.00.55. Women: Sprint: Final: 1, G Enukhina (Russ), 2, F Ballanger (Fr), 3, O Grishina (Russ). Pursuit: Final: 1, M Cugnet (Fr), 2, S Samokhvalova (Russ), 3, J Eickhoff (US). Points race: Final: 1, I Haringa (Hol) 24, 2, S Samokhvalova (Russ) 18, 3, L Berezanskaya (Belorus) 16. 4km team pursuit: Final: 1, Germany, 2, United States, 3, Australia. 50km team time trial: 1, Russia 1hr 4min 55sec, 2, Lithuania 1.05.39, 3, United States 1.05.57.

EQUESTRIANISM

THIRLESTANE CASTLE: Audi Challenge: 1, B Gray, Go Dumani or Highjumper [illegible], 2, M Hauwe, [illegible], 3, J Sile (East Lothian) Orchard [illegible] 24.2.

GLIDING

LASHAM: National junior class championships: Third day: 300.4km quad: Oxford-Graham-Alder-Oxford: 4 competitors at 3[illegible], equal: G Westgate, Nevis B and G Ward (Cross B) 76.6kph, 1,000pts; 3, P Tibbs (Cross B) 73.1kph, 994; 4, C Francis (Ventus C) 67.0kph, 983; 5 equal, H Redbeck (USA) and C Archer (USA) 936.3kph, 877. Overall: 1, [illegible] Westgate 1,750pts, 2, Tom[illegible] 2, H Redbeck 1,634, 4, Francis 1,603, 5, Ward 1,600.

GOLF

HANINGE: Women's tournament: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 274: L Neumann (Swe) 69, 67, 71, 67. 278: C Dibnah (Aus) 71, 70, 69, 68. 284: A Sorenstam (Swe) 72, 72, 74, 66. 285: H Alfredsson (Swe) 74, 72, 73, 69. 286: S Gronberg-Whitmore (Swe) 71, 72, 71, 72. 288: [illegible] Eriksson (Swe) 71, 70, 74, 73. 289: A Nicholas 73, 71, 71, 74. 290: S Moon (US) 71, 76, 65(?), [illegible] Morley 71, 71, 74, 74; [illegible] Parker (US) 73, 68, 74, 75. 291: D Reid 73, 74, 73, 71; J Arnold (NZ) 73, 70, 71, 77. 292: S Prosser 75, 70, 75, 72; L Green (Den) 73, 74, 70, 75; J Laurence (Swe) 71, 74, 72, 75; L Fairclough 71, 73, 72, 76. 293: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 72, 73, 76, 69(?); W Doolan (Aus) 72, 75, 74, 72; D Dowling 75, 73, 71, 74; M Spencer-Devlin (US) 72, 72, 72, 77; P Conley (US) 74, 72, 71, 76. 294: P Grice-Whittaker 74, 73, 75, 72; D Gustafson (Swe) 77, 71, 75, 71; K Sande (Swe) 75, 74, 75, 70; J Stewart 74, 74, 71, 75; A Danielsson (Swe) 72, 71, 76, 75.

* denotes amateur

ROWING

OXFORD CITY ROYAL REGATTA: Winners of the leading events: Eights: Open: Abingdon [illegible] bt City of Oxford, 1 length. Senior I: London [illegible] bt [illegible], 1 length. Senior II: [illegible] bt City of Bristol, 1 length. Women senior I: Leicestershire bt City of Oxford Cygnets, 3 lengths. Women senior II: Maidenhead bt Mallard Bank, 1½ lengths. Quads: Open: Henley bt City of Oxford/Upper Thames, easily. Senior II: Maidenhead bt [illegible], 2 lengths. Coxless fours: Open: Marlow bt Walton, [illegible], 4 lengths. Coxed fours: Open: Henley bt Wallingford, ¾ length. Senior I: London bt City of Oxford, 2 lengths. Senior II: [illegible] bt City of Oxford, 1 length. Women senior I: Wallingford bt Bedford, 1 length. Women senior II: Henley bt Cam, 3 lengths. Mixed senior I: Sadia University, Vitoria bt City of Oxford, 3 lengths. Mixed senior II: Vitoria A bt Vitoria B, 1 length. Double sculls: Open: [illegible] Cambridge bt Maidenhead, easily. Senior I: [illegible] bt City of Oxford, 1 length. Women senior I: Cambridge [illegible] bt Eton Excelsior, 2 lengths. Coxless pairs: Senior I: Lander bt [illegible], 2 lengths. Senior II: Abingdon bt [illegible], 2 lengths. Women senior II: [illegible] bt [illegible] easily. Sculls: Open: [illegible] bt [illegible], easily. Senior L: [illegible] bt Twickenham, 2 lengths. Senior II: Upper Thames [illegible] bt Upper Thames (Crawford), easily. Women senior I: Staines bt Thames, [illegible], 3 lengths. Women senior II: Worcester bt [illegible], 3 lengths.

HOCKEY

PENANG: Six-nation tournament: England 2 Malaysia 1; Australia 4 South Africa 1; Pakistan 5 Malaysia 1.

MOTORCYCLING

BRNO: Czech Grand Prix: 250cc (20 laps, 107.880km): 1, M Biaggi (It), Aprilia, 42min 9.445sec (av speed 153.539kph), 2, R Waldmann (Ger), Honda, 42:15.870, 3, J-P Ruggia (Fr), Aprilia, 42:19.028, 4, N Aoki (Japan), Honda, 42:42.010, 5, T Okada (Japan), Honda, 42:46.924, 6, J-M Bayle (Fr), Aprilia, 42:46.968, 7, L D'Antin (Sp), Honda, 42:52.079, 8, E Suter (Switz), Aprilia, 42:52.441, 9, W Zeelenberg (Holl), Honda, 42:56.993, 10, A Preining (Austria), Aprilia, 43:06.882. Fastest lap: Biaggi, 2:05.340 (154.926 kph). World championship standings (after 11 rounds): 1, Biaggi 169pts, 2, L Cadalora 158 (It), 3, Okada 163. 500cc (22 laps, 118.668km): 1, M Doohan (Aus), Honda, 45:39.974 (av speed 155.916kph), 2, S Itoh (Japan), Honda, 45:43.296, 3, L Cadalora (It), Yamaha, 45:48.736, 4, A Criville (Sp), Honda, 46:04.110, 5, A Puig (Sp), Honda, 46:10.479, 6, N Abe (Japan), Yamaha, 46:19.970, 7, K Schwantz (US), Suzuki, 46:28.500, 8, A Barros (Br), Suzuki, 46:35.770, 9, N Mackenzie (GB), ROC Yamaha, 46:36.478, 10, J McWilliams (GB), Yamaha, 46:46.194. Fastest lap: Itoh, 2:03.544 (157.179 kph). World championship standings: 1, Doohan 256, 2, K Schwantz (US) 169, 3, Puig 123. 125cc (19 laps, 102.486km): 1, K Sakata (Japan), Aprilia, 42:34.015 (av speed 144.459kph), 2, N Ueda (Japan), Honda, 42:36.654, 3, S Perugini (It), Aprilia, 42:37.310, 4, J Martinez (Sp), Yamaha, 42:37.412, 5, T Tsujimura (Japan), Honda, 42:46.446, 6, M Tokudome (Japan), Honda, 42:48.584, 7, D Raudies (Ger), Honda, 42:50.603, 8, H Nakajo (Japan), Honda, 42:50.696, 9, G Petrucciani (Switz), Aprilia, 42:50.752, 10, M Geissler (Ger), Aprilia, 42:50.908. Fastest lap: Sakata, 2:12.600 (146.554 kph). World championship standings: 1, Sakata 208, 2, Ueda 157, 3, Tsujimura 143. Sidecar (19 laps, 102.486km): 1, R Biland and K Waltisperg (Switz), Swissauto, 40:52.767, 2, M Boesiger and J Egli (Switz), ADM, 40:56.880, 3, S Webster (GB) and A Haenni (Switz), Krauser, 40:57.565, 4, D Brindley and P Hutchinson (GB), Honda, 40:59.052, 5, R Bohnhorst (Ger) and P Brown (GB), Steinhausen, 41:12.578. World championship standings: 1, Biland 118, 2, Webster 79, 3, Brindley 74.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Workington	16	Leeds	22

Workington: Tries: Burns, Oglanby. Goals: Marwood 4. Leeds: Tries: Iro 2, Mercer, Schofield. Goals: Holroyd 3. Att: 5,500.

Featherstone	24	Wigan	36

Featherstone: Tries: Currier 2, Burt, Casey. Goals: Pearson 4. Wigan: Tries: Botica 2, Atcheson, Betts, Robinson, Skerrett. Goals: Botica 6. Att: 5,034.

Hull	16	Warrington	18

Hull: Tries: Gay, Hewitt. Goals: Hewitt 4. Warrington: Tries: Forster, Shelford. Goals: Davies 5. Att: 5,130.

Oldham	20	Halifax	40

Oldham: Tries: Abram, Richards. Goals: Garland 6. Halifax: Tries: Round 2, Bentley, Fieldhouse, Hagan, Hinchcliffe, Preston. Goals: Chester 6. Att: 5,415.

St Helens	20	Doncaster	29

St Helens: Tries: Hunte 2, Joynt, P Loughlin. Goals: P Loughlin 2. Doncaster: Tries: Green 2, Maduka, Pennant, Whakarau. Goals: Green 4. Att: 7,672.

Wakefield	13	Salford	10

Wakefield: Tries: Durham, Whitaker. Goals: Whitaker 2. Drop: Whitaker. Salford: Try: Blakeley. Goals: Blakeley 3. Att: 3,504.

Widnes	16	Castleford	30

Widnes: Tries: D Hulme 2, K Hammond. Goals: K Hammond 2. Castleford: Tries: Sampson, Nikau, Middleton, T Smith, Steadman. Goals: Crooks 5. Att: 4,245.

Second division

Barrow	22	Rochdale	48
Batley	13	Huddersfield	0
Bramley	15	Dewsbury	22
Carlisle	16	London Broncos	38
Highfield	10	Hull KR	68
Keighley	38	Whitehaven	8
Leigh	49	Hunslet	0
Swinton	19	Ryedale York	18

ALLIANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Doncaster 42 Swinton 22; Hull KR 44 London Broncos 20; Whitehaven 10 Keighley 54.

WINFIELD CUP: Twenty-first round: Balmain 10 Penrith 22; Canberra 40 Western Suburbs 22; Gold Coast 20 St George 30; Parramatta 42 Eastern Suburbs 12; South Sydney 10 Manly 38; Canterbury 26 Illawarra 16; Cronulla 26 Newcastle 4; North Sydney 0 Brisbane 17.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: National smallbore championship: Earl Roberts Cup (British championship): 1, H Hancox (Golden Valley) 781pts, 2, W Brown (Chobham) 779, 3, D Parish (Worthing) 777. Annie Oakley Cup (Top woman): I Andrew (Romford) 770. Duchess of Kent Cup (Women's Bisley championship): 1, J Baker (Vauxhall Motors) 776, 2, L Smallbone (NatWest) 774/393, 3, M Johnson (Beaconsfield) 774/387. Flowers Trophy (Bisley or Scotland): 1, L Marlow (Edinburgh UA) 973, 2, A Roberts (Appleton) 970, 3, Baker 965. Bailey Cup (Over 60s): 1, Parish 395, 2, J Newby (Down Hatherley) 393, 3, Hancox 391. Croxley Mills Cup (Over 70s): 1, C Trotter (Chobham) 379, 2, T Nowell (ICI Doncaster) 378. Dennis Guiseppi Trophy (Aggregate Teams): 1, Bedford A 10,738, 2, Budleigh Farm 10,703. S F Rhodes Cup (Under 18): 1, D Phelps (Llantrisant) 385, 2, T Swales (Felsted School) 381, 3, A Watson (Leicester) 380. V H Gilbert Trophy (Under 18 Agg): G Thorn (Sunderland) 2,636. Daily Sketch Trophy (Under 18 Teams): 1, Felsted School 1,111, 2, George Watson's College 1,092.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne 66 Belle Vue 30. Second division: Edinburgh 60 Oxford 35; Swindon 55 Edinburgh 41.

VOJENS, Denmark: Individual world championship: Final: 1, A Rickardsson (Swe) 12pts (won in extra heat), 2, H Nielsen (Den) 12, 3, C Boyce (Aus) 12; 4, G Hancock (US) 11, 5, T Knudsen (Den) 10. British: 7, M Loram 9, 12, C Louis 6.

SQUASH

MELBOURNE: Heart Health Australian Open: Women: Quarter-finals (Aus unless stated): M Martin bt F Geaves (Eng) 15-7, 17-16, 15-3; S FitzGerald bt V Cardwell 15-6, 15-5, 15-5; C Owens bt S Schone (Ger) 15-11, 15-8, 15-8; L Irving bt C Nitch (SA) 7-15, 15-8, 15-11, 15-11. Semi-finals: Martin bt FitzGerald 14-17, 17-15, 15-10, 15-6; Irving bt Owens 14-15, 17-16, 17-14, 15-11. Final: Martin bt Irving 15-13, 15-6, 11-15, 15-13. Men: Quarter-finals: B Martin bt S Baker 15-11, 15-9, 15-4; A Hill bt G Wilcock 6-15, 15-6, 15-10, 15-13; B Haddrell bt R Martin 11-15, 15-17, 15-10, 15-9, 15-9; J Kneipp bt D Jenson 7-15, 17-16, 15-13, 15-4. Semi-finals: B Martin bt Hill 15-12, 17-16, 15-13; Haddrell bt Kneipp 15-13, 17-15, 17-15, 15-9. Final: B Martin bt Haddrell 15-12, 15-13, 8-15, 15-11.

BRADFORD: International challenge: P Marshall (GB) bt D Campion (GB) 9-4, 9-5, 9-3.

TENNIS

GRAZ, Austria: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: F Clavet (Sp) bt D Poliakov (Ukr) 6-4, 6-1; G Schaller (Austria) bt F Roig (Sp) 7-5, 7-5; D Nargiso (It) bt H Skoff (Austria) 6-4, 6-1; F Santoro (Fr) bt J Arrese (Sp) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3. Semi-finals: Clavet bt Nargiso 6-1, 6-0; Schaller bt Santoro 6-4, 7-6. Final: Clavet bt Schaller 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

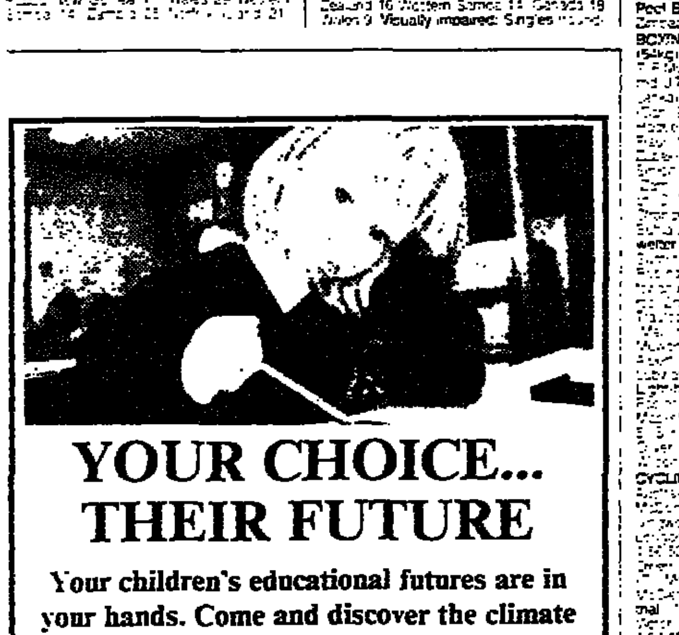
NEW HAVEN, Connecticut: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Stich (Ger) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-2, 5-7, 6-1; B Becker (Ger) bt M Washington (US) 6-2, 6-4; M Rosset (Switz) bt A Medvedev (Ukr) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Goellner (Ger) 7-6, 5-7, 6-4. Semi-finals: Becker bt Stich 6-2, 7-5; Rosset bt Kafelnikov 7-6, 6-3.

INDIANAPOLIS: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: A Corretja (Sp) bt S Edberg (Swe) 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; W Ferreira (SA) bt T Enqvist (Swe) 6-2, 6-2; O Delaitre (Fr) bt J Stark (US) 6-4, 7-6; B Karbacher (Ger) bt R Reneberg (US) 7-5, 6-4. Semi-finals: Ferreira bt Corretja 6-1, 6-2; Delaitre bt Karbacher 7-5, 6-4.

MONTREAL: Canadian open: Quarter-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt G Sabatini (Arg) 7-5, 6-0; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-2, 6-1; K Date (Japan) bt N Baudone (It) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; M Pierce (Fr) bt J Wiesner (Austria) 6-1, 6-1. Semi-finals: Graf bt Pierce 6-3, 6-4; Sanchez Vicario bt Date 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

NOTTINGHAM: Midland Bank national junior championships: Final: Girls 18 and under singles: L Jeffs (Oxfordshire) bt K Roubanova (Berkshire) 5-7, 6-0, 6-0. Boys 18 and under singles: L Milligan (Middlesex) bt M Lee (Sussex) 7-5, 6-1, 6-3. Girls 14 and under singles: L Cartwright (Warwickshire) bt C Andge (Hampshire and Isle of Wight) 6-3, 6-3. Boys 14 and under singles: S Dickson (Cheshire) bt D Kiernan (Durham and Cleveland) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4.

HAVANT: Reebok Tour: Men: Semi-finals: B Cowan (Lancs) bt N Weal (Hants) 6-4, 6-3; N Fulwood (Derbys) bt J Delgado (Warwicks) 7-2 ret. Final: Fulwood bt Cowan 7-6, 4-6, 6-3. Women: Semi-finals: K Cross (Devon) bt R Mauclsley (Mus) 6-3, 7-5; L Ahl (Devon) bt C Hunt (Dorset) 6-3, 7-6. Final: Ahl bt Cross 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.



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Nicholson parades formidable team

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

WHEN David Nicholson began a trend 20 years ago by staging an open day at his racing stables, around 250 people attended and raised £500 for charitable causes.

As the sun began to dip behind the Cotswold hills last night following the latest annual gathering, Nicholson and his wife, Dinah, started to work out if the £18,000 raised last year by the estimated 8,000 spectators had been surpassed. The answer will almost certainly be yes.

In a curious way, the success of the open days over the past two decades has mirrored the training career of Nicholson, known in National Hunt circles as "The Duke". After sending out a dozen or so winners during the early years from his base at Condicote, near Stow-on-the-Wold in deepest Gloucestershire, Nicholson has progressed to the top of the tree. In 1992-3, he trained 100 winners in Britain for the first time and last season he toppled Martin Pipe from the champion trainer's perch.

Of course, Nicholson's elevation to such heady heights was helped in October 1992 when he moved to a purpose-built training complex, Jackdaws' Castle, a couple of miles from Condicote. "It is unbelievable what has happened since we moved here; quite phenomenal," he said.

As swifts and swallows dived and climbed in the morning sky yesterday, thousands of visitors made their way down the chalk drive to Nicholson's new base. They came from far and wide and, like last year, probably included the odd soul who had no intention of being there. Twelve months ago, a motorist searching for the M5 got lost and was swept up in the queues of traffic heading for the Duke's castle. Before he knew what happened, he was inside and being informed of Cheltenham festival hopefuls.

Nicholson chuckled as he recalled the incident yesterday: "One of the nicest things I ever saw at our open day was a few years ago at Condicote when a totally blind man was being shown round and had his photograph taken with Waterloo Boy's head stretching over the stable door and resting on his shoulder."

It was Waterloo Boy, now retired but fulfilling the important role of schoolmaster to would-be novice chasers, who led the parade in front of packed stands. One by one, Nicholson gave a pen portrait of the 80 horses now in his care. Barton Bank — "the best chaser in the country on his day, bar none" — missed the Cheltenham Gold Cup last year after breaking a blood vessel on the gallops, but the King George VI Chase winner looked a picture yesterday.

"He seems absolutely fine. I have never seen him look better when coming back into the yard and my ambition is to win the Gold Cup with him," the champion trainer said. "He will have five races this season; the Charlie Hall Chase, possibly the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow, the King George, one more and then the Gold Cup."

Viking Flagship won the Queen Mother Champion Chase in March: "I don't see any reason why he should not end up the champion two mile chaser again."

Moorcroft Boy, third in the Grand National, will again contest the marathon chases before another Aintree tilt. Dubacilla, owned by Veronica Cole and trained last season by her husband, Henry, has been sent to Nicholson and will probably have one or two runs before being aimed at the Hennessy Gold Cup.

Bill and Shirley Robins have enjoyed enormous success as owners since switching their sizeable string to Nicholson and Silver Wisp, winner of the group two Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket in April, is expected to sparkle when he goes hurdling in October. "He jumps extremely well. Hopefully, he will end up with the Champion Hurdle and don't be surprised," Nicholson said.

Nicholson also pinpointed three "dark horses" whom he expects to perform well this season: Sounds Strong, an Irish point-to-point winner owned by Mrs Pat Thompson, will go novice chasing, as will Approach The Stars, also bought from Ireland, while King Lucifer is a novice hurdler held in high regard.

JULIAN HERBERT



Nicholson enjoys the role of master of ceremonies as his equine stars entertain a packed audience at the Jackdaws' Castle open day

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BARDIA
(2.15 Nottingham)
Next best: Bo Knows Nigel
(4.45 Nottingham)

Hall and Connorton each fined £800

THE Middleham trainer Sally Hall and jockey Nicky Connorton were each fined £800 by the Ripon stewards on Saturday following an inquiry into the running and riding of Brecongill Lad in the Tattersalls Maiden Auction Stakes, won by Scotski.

Brecongill Lad finished thirteenth in the 23-runner field, beaten a total of ten lengths, and according to the stewards "appeared to be tenderly ridden throughout".

After viewing a video of the race and taking evidence from both the handicapper and the betting intelligence officer, the local officials declared themselves "not satisfied" with the explanations put forward by connections, and fined them for being in breach of Rule 151, the "non triers" rule.

□ Tony McGlone has been detained in hospital after a heavy fall on the Newmarket gallops on Saturday. The jockey received three broken ribs and a punctured lung after his mount veered sideways to avoid a tree and pitched McGlone straight into it. He will be out of action for a minimum of three weeks.

Nerves strained by plunge in Jackpot pool

RICHARD EVANS



Racing commentary

According to the tenets of stress counselling, one of the best methods of coming to terms with a tragic loss or sudden misfortune is to talk or, even better, write about it.

With that in mind, I hope you will forgive me for baring my soul and explaining a considerable personal loss incurred at Sandown Park on Saturday involving the Tote Jackpot.

For those not *au fait* with the Jackpot bet, the rules are simple. To win, a backer has to pick the winners of the first six races on the card. Although more than one selection per race can be made and permed, the task is not easy. However, the rewards can be great.

On Saturday, they were spectacular due to the failure of anyone to win the Jackpot at York's three-day Ebor meeting or at Sandown on Friday. A carry-over of £139,501 had swelled to beyond £250,000 by the time the stalls opened for the first race.

My selections were Kings Vision, who finished second to Ziffany, the 11-2 favourite, and Don't Forget Ruby, who was nowhere to be seen, which was hardly surprising as she had been declared a non-runner.

Fortunately, the rules of the Tote dictate that punters who select non-runners have their bet automatically transferred to the favourite.

So, by a stroke of good fortune, I was still in business. After the next race, so was everyone else who had picked Ziffany. It did not take an Einstein to find Blue Lion, the 6-1 on favourite, who duly romped home.

The third contest was marginally more difficult, but, for once, theory became practice as Willie Carson galvanised Indian Light inside the final furlong to defeat New Century, the main danger.

A 14-runner handicap sprint would sort out the men from the boys. I had ignored the falsely-priced favourite, Gorinsky, and permed three of the runners, including Jayannpee, who won easily.

Howard's End duly landed the nap in the William Hill Handicap and so, with one race remaining, the aptly-named Crazy For You Handicap, I stood on the threshold of riches.

The extent of those riches only became apparent when the ever-helpful Rob Hartnett, of Corals, produced statistics on how many winning tickets remained in the Tote pool. Depending on which of my selections was successful, the winnings ranged up to £7,000. When I arrived at Sandown, three hours earlier, it had been my intention to select Limosa and Special Risk. By coincidence, while I was filling in the betting slip, I overheard a fellow punter, reading a newspaper, inform a chum "it says here that Special Risk is far from certain to benefit from a first attempt at 14 furlongs". Quite right, I suddenly thought. Special Risk was scratched and replaced by Lunar Risk.

The rest is history. Special Risk won easily and the Jackpot paid out £984 for a £1 ticket. It was only on the way home, as I mulled over the punter's remarks, that I recognised their source; it was the TV race guide produced by yours truly.

Aaaagh. I will discover if sharing my misfortune with you has worked after a very long lie down.

[illegible]

THUNDERER
2.15 Bardia
2.45 Pomerol
3.15 Winburg
3.45 HONEY MOUNT (nap)
4.15 Iota
4.45 Whatever's Right

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 POMEROL.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Winburg. 3.45 HONEY MOUNT (nap). 4.15 La Chance.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 DAYBROOK SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,174: 1m 1f 213yd) (23 runners)

101 (18) 300004 SINCLAIR LAD 13 (B,C,D,F,S) (Miss R Dobson) R Hodges 6-9-10 L Dettori 98
102 (13) 3000-00 GREENACRES STAR 21 (M Talbot) B McMahon 4-9-9 S Sanders (5) 88
103 (8) 21-0460 PARADISE NEWS 23 (G) (Mrs F Bravery) G Bravery 3-9-7 M Hills 87
104 (2) 056433 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 10 (BF,D,G) (Mrs C Whitwood) D Thom 5-9-5 J Reid 95
105 (9) 300040 FASHIONABLE DANCER 14 (C Brittain) C Brittain 4-9-5 M Roberts 95
106 (12) 5-0000 PRINCE OF ANITA 13 (V) (Mrs A Quinn) B Palling 3-9-5 D Holland —
107 (20) 0004-6 SIMPLY A SEQUEL 133 (N Greig) M Prescott 3-9-3 G Duffield 90
108 (22) 004600 BIG CHANCE 14 (S) (L McGarrigle) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-0 K Darley 97
109 (3) 003230 MALCESINE 24 (F) (F Costello) J Wilson 5-9-0 C Rutter 95
110 (16) 662003 DIAMOND CROWN 9 (J Pickup) M Wane 3-9-0 K Fallon 98
111 (19) 0066-00 UAB 20 (Mrs L Parkes) J Parkes 4-8-13 J Stack (5) 88
112 (17) 6-50606 KATHY FAIR 13 (Dutchmen Stud) R Baker 5-8-12 S Raymont 97
113 (21) 200/000- RED INK 198J (Mrs J Stannard) J Jenkins 5-8-12 S Whitworth —
114 (6) 030-060 DON'T GIVE UP 19 (B,F) (T Barker) P Burgoyne 6-8-11 S Dawson 95
115 (1) 009 WAYWARD SOUND 66 (W Goodson) T Barron 3-8-11 J Fortune 93
116 (7) 350062 DAME PROSPECT 9 (V) (Claremont Management) J Glover 3-8-11 S D Williams 99
117 (14) 064626 STORM HEIGHTS 9 (B) (The Tangoes) M Britain 3-8-10 J Lowe 97
118 (11) 501356 BARDIA 17 (CD,F) (Don Enrico Incisa) Don Enrico Incisa 4-8-10 Kim Tinkler 98
119 (4) 066253 SAXON MAGIC 10 (P Bennett) J Bennett 4-8-10 G Bardwell 92
120 (15) 306-006 TOOGOODFORYOU 17 (B) (K Pennington) J Leigh 3-8-9 Dean McKeown 83
121 (5) 660-000 SYLVIA MACUSHLA 28 (B) (T Lyons II) A Jarvis 4-8-9 N Varley (5) 90
122 (10) 04053 TOM'S SECRET 27 (V) (Weir Investments) C Smith 3-8-7 Stephen Davies (3) 97
123 (23) 00-6 ROODMAS 13 (H Candy) H Candy 3-8-7 Sarah Holland (7) 80

BETTING: 6-1 Captain Marmalade, 10-1 Dame Prospect, Diamond Crown, Simply A Sequel, 12-1 Malcesine, Sinclair Lad, Bardia, 14-1 Kathy Fair, 16-1 others.

1993: TIGER CLAW 7-8-11 A McGlone (10-1) R Hodges 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

SINCLAIR LAD 3½l 4th to Morocco in Bath seller (1m, good to firm) with ROODMAS (3lb better off) 7l 6th and PRINCE OF ANITA (5lb worse off) 2½l 7th. CAPTAIN MARMALADE 3l 3rd to Veloce in Haydock handicap (1m, good to firm). MALCESINE 2½l 3rd to Young Fact in Warwick seller (1m 2f, good to firm) penultimate start. DAME PROSPECT ½l 2nd to Britannia Mills in Ripon selling handicap (1m 2f, good to firm) with DIAMOND CROWN (3lb better off) 1¾l 3rd and STORM HEIGHTS (4lb better off) 3½l 5th. STORM HEIGHTS head 2nd to Casapette in Beverley selling handicap (1m 4f, good to firm) with TOM'S SECRET (5lb better off) 5l 3rd. BARDIA best effort when 2½l 3rd to Blue Blazer in Ayr handicap (1m 2f, good).
Selection: CAPTAIN MARMALADE

2.45 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,536: 6f 15yd) (17 runners)

201 (15) 0 NEVER TIME 49 (E Carter) J Banks 8-10 J Quinn —
202 (6) 0 OUR TOM 16 (J Berry) J Wharton 8-8 J Williams —
203 (12) PERSIAN GUEST (B Yeardley Continental Ltd) M Johnston 8-8 J Weaver —
204 (7) 6 EDEN'S STAR 23 (Mrs M Earwell) M Tompkins 8-7 P Robinson 94
205 (10) 0 MASON 11 (S Tindall) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6 D Harrison —
206 (1) 022253 LOCHBROOM COMMANDO 7 (BF) (D Waters) G Lewis 8-5 Paul Eddery 85
207 (3) 0 SANTA FAN 10 (A Elliott) P Cole 8-5 C Rutter 80
208 (16) 30 CHADLEIGH LANE 39 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 8-4 D Holland 86
209 (8) 5660 MR LOWRY 32 (A Thompson) R Boss 8-4 L Dettori 83
210 (2) DIMANCHE GRAS (The Boardroom Syndicate) R Hannon 8-3 K Darley —
211 (13) 00 KENNEDY'S GOLD 39 (A Roberts) B Palling 8-3 T Sprake —
212 (5) 04 MA PETITE ANGLAISE 14 (K Snow) W Jarvis 8-3 M Hills 91
213 (9) 682 POMEROL 11 (S S Racing) D Arbuthnot 7-12 B Doyle (3) 99
214 (4) DALBY SONG (J Benbow) B McMahon 7-11 N Adams —
215 (14) 6 OLD SWINFORD 12 (Old Swinford Betting Office) B Meehan 7-11 T Williams 73
216 (17) 600 RATICOSA 52 (Mrs C Cawley) Don Enrico Incisa 7-11 Kim Tinkler —
217 (11) 33 SECOND CELLO 34 (Mrs T Hinde) D Morris 7-11 Stephen Davies (3) 85

BETTING: 3-1 Pomerol, 9-2 Ma Petite Anglaise, Lochbroom Commando, 8-1 Chadleigh Lane, Santa Fan, 8-1 Mr Lowry, 10-1 others

1993: YO-CANDO 7-10 L Newton (6-1) D Cosgrove 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

EDEN'S STAR 9¼l 6th of 8 to Lockzaner in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). LOCHBROOM COMMANDO neck and head 3rd of 15 to Balance of Power in nursery at Windsor (6f, good to firm). CHADLEIGH LANE 6¾l 3rd of 6 to Poppet Master in maiden auction race at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) on penultimate start.
MR LOWRY 6l 6th of 11 to Ferrara Savante in maiden auction race at Epsom (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MA PETITE ANGLAISE 6¾l 4th of 17 to Marrakech in maiden auction race at Leicester (7f, good to firm).
POMEROL 3¾l 2nd of 10 to Jiberenn in maiden auction race at Salisbury (6f, good to soft), with MASON 21¾l last. SECOND CELLO 2½l 3rd of 10 to Melagos in maiden auction race at Folkestone (6f, good to firm).
Selection: LOCHBROOM COMMANDO (nap)

3.15 MICHAEL KIRK BIRTHDAY CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,633: 1m 54yd) (4 runners)

301 (2) 212140 PRIZEFIGHTER 9 (D,F,G) (Fieldway Racing Ltd) S Gollings 9-3 Stephen Davies (3) 86
302 (3) 614000 SHANGHAI VENTURE 37 (F) (F Chao) S Woods 9-0 W Woods 99
303 (1) 1 WINBURG 17 (G) (Saeed Manana) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori 95
304 (4) 0- SALT LAKE 359 (Bloomsbury Stud) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10 J Reid 70

BETTING: 4-6 Winburg, 3-1 Salt Lake, 4-1 Shanghai Venture, 7-1 Prizefighter.

1993: AJFAN 3-5 R Hills (13-8 fav) H Thomson Jones 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRIZEFIGHTER best effort when beating The Mutineer 1l in a 6-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m, good). SHANGHAI VENTURE best effort when 5l 4th of 5 to Opera Score in group III Predominate Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, soft). WINBURG beat Songs Of Innocence 3l in 7-runner maiden at Redcar (7f, good). SALT LAKE 10l 7th of 17 to Wafeer in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good) last August.
Selection: WINBURG

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 HARCROS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP
(£3,865: 1m 6f 15yd) (8 runners)

401 (5) 210212 STAR RAGE 3 (F,G) (J Abell) M Johnston 4-9-10 J Weaver 98
402 (3) 33-0013 MONDRAGON 31 (F,G) (D Young) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-8 R Cochrane 99
403 (6) 015131 PHILGUN 10 (V,D,F,G,S) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 5-9-2 N Kennedy 95
404 (8) 2-24922 SECRET SERENADE 18 (BF,F) (Glasgow House) C Fairhurst 3-8-13 Dean McKeown 97
405 (7) 226243 PHIL'S TIME 39 (B) (J Bird) T Mills 3-8-11 J Reid 91
406 (1) 5-03125 HONEY MOUNT 17 (G) (Cliveden Stud) A Stewart 3-8-10 M Roberts 96
407 (4) 5F1211 CUTTHROAT KID 32 (B,F,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-9 K Darley 95
408 (2) 416540 DURSHAN 12 (D,F,G) (O Donnelly) J Jenkins 5-8-8 L Dettori 97

BETTING: 3-1 Mondragon, 7-2 Star Rage, 4-1 Cutthroat Kid, 5-1 Honey Mount, 6-1 Philgun, 7-1 others.

1993: KADASTROF 3-8-5 T Quinn (16-1) R Dickin 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR RAGE 2½l 2nd of 8 to Taroudant in Chester handicap (2m, good) on Friday. MONDRAGON 4¾l 3rd of 15 to Admiral's Well in handicap at Ascot (2m, good to firm), with STAR RAGE (8lb worse off) 6¼l 8th. PHILGUN beat Legal Train 5l in 13-runner amateurs' handicap at Catterick (1m 4f, good). HONEY MOUNT 2¼l 2nd of 9 to Always Aloof in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good) penultimate start, with PHIL'S TIME (1lb better off) ½l 3rd. CUTTHROAT KID beat Sanwan neck in 5-runner handicap at Hamilton (1m 5f, good to firm). DURSHAN 2½l 4th of 7 to Tree Of Life in handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: CUTTHROAT KID

4.15 WOLLATON LIMITED STAKES
(£2,381: 1m 6f 15yd) (16 runners)

501 (4) 010040 DINNER AT EIGHT 3 (V,D,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-10 K Fallon 88
502 (5) 0050-00 BITTER ALOE 10 (G Harwood) G Harwood 5-9-8 M Perrett 81
503 (16) 030343 DAWN FLIGHT 14 (Famestar Ltd) J Jenkins 5-9-8 L Dettori 91
504 (1) 840 HIGH FIVE 84 (Kingstone Warren Partners) H Candy 4-9-8 W Newnes 96
505 (15) 050243 LA CHANCE 13 (Mrs J Khan) C Brittain 4-9-8 M Roberts 89
506 (14) 00400-0 MASTER OF THE ROCK 152J (L Maultby) Mrs P Barker 5-9-8 Dean McKeown —
507 (13) 404160 MY ROSSINI 20 (CD,F) (Mrs C Eaton) P Bevan 5-9-8 C Hawksley (5) 83
508 (12) 233503 NAAWY 10 (A Needham) C Smith 4-9-8 K Rutter (3) 85
509 (6) 0-00005 SASSIVER 16 (Sinclair Developments Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-9-8 S Wynne (5) 81
510 (3) 600260 IOTA 68 (D,G,S) (Lavender Hill Leisure Ltd) J L Harris 5-9-5 Paul Eddery 91
511 (2) 01/ BRILLIANT FUTURE 128J (G) (Persimps Ltd) K Bridgwater 9-9-3 T Wall —
512 (8) 30002 COURT JESTER 28 (Mrs C Sidpworth) A Foster 3-8-10 Stephen Davies (3) 80
513 (7) 342320 DOCKMASTER 47 (L Holliday) J Bethell 3-8-10 J Weaver 91
514 (10) 003626 MANOLETE 10 (B) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 3-8-10 N Kennedy 99
515 (11) 162020 CHILDREN'S CHOICE 10 (S) (P Tolman) P McBride 3-8-7 D R McCabe (5) 94
516 (9) 50050 HUSH TINA 28 (J Tuck) R Hannon 3-8-5 R Perham 92

BETTING: 6-1 La Chance, 7-1 Dawn Flight, 8-1 Naawy, Court Jester, 10-1 Dinner At Eight, 12-1 others.

1993: MAMARA REEF 3-8-7 R Cochrane (7-2) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAWN FLIGHT 3¾l 4th of 10 to Castoret in amateur riders' handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. NAAWY 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Noragen in maiden handicap at Catterick (2m, good). IOTA best effort when 2½l 2nd of 7 to Arctic Guest in conditions race at Yarmouth (1m 6f, firm). MANOLETE neck 2nd of 7 to Brentwood in maiden auction race at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CHILDREN'S CHOICE 1¾l 2nd to Seminole Wind in handicap at Carlisle (1m 4f, firm).
Selection: MANOLETE

4.45 WEST BRIDGFORD HANDICAP
(£3,704: 1m 54yd) (20 runners)

601 (11) 4312 ON THE TIDE 12 (D,F) (P Tellwright) R Hannon 3-9-13 J Reid 98
602 (6) 00-3000 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 9 (F) (Mrs E Price) J Bradley 5-9-8 C Rutter 88
603 (13) 024320 HOOCHIECOOCHIE MAN 12 (G) (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 4-9-7 M Roberts 97
604 (3) 032455 MOOFAJI 14 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 3-9-7 W Carson 94
605 (1) 461613 WHATEVER'S RIGHT 9 (CD,BF,F,G) (M Thurgood) M Usher 5-9-2 J Weaver 92
606 (5) 000151 LORD OBERON 17 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs A Quinn) J Akehurst 6-9-1 G Carter 95
607 (14) 242222 ACROSS THE BAY 14 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) (W Dixon) T Barron 7-9-1 J Fortune 95
608 (10) 010-023 BALL GOWN 10 (S) (C Lines) D Thom 4-8-12 L Newton (5) 92
609 (2) 002401 NARBONNE 4 (D,S) (Saracen Racing) B McMath 3-8-11 (7ex) E Johnson 99
610 (15) 00-0 JADY'S DREAM 14 (Davies and Bridgeman) B Palling 3-8-10 D Holland —
611 (12) 501554 MR CUBE 9 (V,D,F,G) (R Miles) J Bradley 4-8-9 R Waterfield (7) 98
612 (9) 533342 PRESENT SITUATION 13 (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-6 L Dettori 96
613 (18) 0-00322 DOUCE MAISON 19 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 3-8-2 J Lowe 98
614 (19) 620020 BERNSTEIN BETTE 17 (C,F,G,S) (J Ford) P Felgate 6-8-2 G Hind 98
615 (17) 806020 KISSAVOS 32 (V,C,D,F,G) (Mrs M Butler) C Elsey 8-7-12 F Norton 98
616 (8) 050-600 LOWLANDS SCRIBE 37 (A Suckles) W Barker 4-7-12 L Charnock 93
617 (20) 150014 OOZLEM 16 (B,D,BF,F) (Mrs W Faleeli) R Flower 5-7-9 G Bardwell 98
618 (4) 000-00 BROOKS MASQUERADE 19 (Mrs A Brooks) N Walker 3-7-8 S Dawson —
619 (7) 0-00000 BO KNOWS NIGEL 49 (C Sparrowhawk) G Lewis 3-7-7 N Adams 91
620 (16) 604330 EAST BARNS 9 (D,F,G) (Northern Bloodstock Racing) S Gollings 6-7-7 J Quinn 98

Long handicap: Bo Knows Nigel 7-6, East Barns 7-6.

BETTING: 5-1 Bo Knows Nigel, 6-1 On The Tide, Lord Oberon, 7-1 Moofaji, Whatever's Right 8-1 Present Situation, Ball Gown, 10-1 Narbonne, 12-1 others.

1993: QUANTITY SURVEYOR 4-9-0 G Duffield (10-1) M Prescott 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

ON THE TIDE 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Realize in handicap at Salisbury (1m, good to firm). LORD OBERON beat Nobby Barnes 1l in 13-runner handicap at Haydock (1m, good). NARBONNE beat Equerry 1¾l in 11-runner conditions race at Yarmouth (1m, soft). PRESENT SITUATION ¾l 2nd of 13 to Nam Almaydaan in maiden handicap at Bath (1m, good to firm). DOUCE MAISON 3½l 2nd of 13 to Queens Consel in handicap over course and distance (1m, good to firm), with BROOKS MASQUERADE (12lb better off) last. KISSAVOS 3½l 2nd of 11 to Young Duke in handicap at Chepstow (7f, good to firm) penultimate start.
Selection: ON THE TIDE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Harwood	6	17	35.3	D Harrison	10	39	25.6
J Gosden	11	33	33.3	W Carson	36	183	19.7
P Cole	15	76	19.7	L Dettori	26	134	19.4
M Prescott	7	38	18.4	P Robinson	8	46	17.4
Lord Huntingdon	5	33	15.2	T Sprake	6	40	15.0

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Nottingham: 2.15 Sylvia Macushla, Prince Anita, Tom's Secret. 4.15 Dinner At Eight.

Hoh Magic conjures biggest win for Bell

From Our French Racing Correspondent in Deauville

MICHAEL Bell landed the most important success of his training career at Deauville yesterday when Hoh Magic overcame a false start to win the group one Prix Morny over six furlongs. Ridden by Michael Hills, Hoh Magic hit the front a furlong out and came home 1½ lengths clear of the Italian challenger, Bruttina.

Tereshkova, the 22-10 favourite, was another length away third and Silca Blanka a further three lengths behind in fourth. The Peter Chapple-Hyam-trained Flowerdrum was withdrawn because of a lung infection.



Bell: memorable victory

The false start, called when Silca Blanka's stall opened fractionally late, delayed the off by 14 minutes but Mike Channon's colt appeared unaffected by the incident.

Bell said: "Hoh Magic has not stopped improving since Royal Ascot and has been working well. Her next target is the Cheveley Park." Corals make her 25-1 for the 1,000 Guineas.

Arcadian Heights and Shambo could finish only third and fourth behind Molesnes in the group two Prix Kergorlay.

Hernando, last year's Prix du Jockey-Club winner, was installed 6-1 favourite for the Prix de l'Arc Triomphe by Ladbrokes and Hills after an impressive win in the group three Prix Gontaut-Brion on seasonal debut. He is likely to run next in the Prix Foy at Longchamp next month.

HEXHAM

THUNDERER
2.00 Sarsta Grai. 2.30 Ehtefaal. 3.00 Rapid Mover. 3.30 As D'Eboli. 4.00 Explosive Speed. 4.30 Red Jam Jar.

GOING: FIRM (HARD IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 FEDERATION BREWERY SPECIAL ALE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,719: 3m) (5 runners)

1 /0P- BOWLANDS HIMSELF 152 G Moore 6-11-0 N Bentley —
2 P55- HOLTERMANN 138 (F,G,S) J O Shea 10-11-0 D Bridgwater —
3 000- ALLOON BAWN 149 J Kidrall 8-10-9 N Williamson —
4 JULIE WALKER W Kemp 5-10-9 S McDougall (7) —
5 2 SARSTA GRAI 14 M Hammond 6-10-9 P Niven 99

4-6 Sarsta Grai, 2-1 Holtermann, 8-1 Bowlands Himself, 14-1 others.

2.30 FEDERATION BREWERY SPORTING CLUB JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,735: 2m) (6)

1 1 EHTEFAAL 23 (B,F) J White 11-5 A Maguire —
2 OUT OF FAVOUR 61F T Caldwell 10-12 Pat Caldwell —
3 REAL GENERATION F Storey 10-12 B Storey —
4 RIVA'S BOOK 34F M Hammond 10-12 P Niven —
5 THUNDERBIRD TWO 116F V Thompson 10-12 Mr M Thompson —
6 WOODTONG 39F C Fairhurst 10-12 C Hawkins —

1-2 Ehtefaal, 7-2 Riva's Book, 6-1 Woodtong, 8-1 Thunderbird Two, 14-1 others.

3.00 MALCOLM WINTERS NOVICES CHASE
(£2,318: 2m 110yd) (4)

1 /F2 CAXTON 9 (F,S) J White 7-11-7 A Maguire 94
2 32-5 DE JORDAAN 23 W Cunningham 7-11-7 N Smith 80
3 10-B RAPID MOVER 3 (B,F) D Nolan 7-11-7 N Doughty —
4 P0-2 RICH NEPHEW 3 (F,G,S) V Thompson 9-11-7 Mr M Thompson 99

6-4 Caxton, 2-1 Rapid Mover, 4-1 De Jordaan, 5-1 Rich Nephew

3.30 FEDERATION BREWERY MEDALLION LAGER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,865: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 2-22 BONDAID 9 (F,G) J White 10-11-10 A Maguire 90
2 20-3 BUSMAN 9 (D,S) J O Shea 5-10-10 Mr A Fitzgerald 95
3 00P- STAGS FELL 109 (F,G) G Moore 9-10-5 N Bentley 98
4 4P6- SOUSON 95 (B) J Wade 6-10-4 K Jones —
5 000- AS D'EBOLI 5F (CD,F) M Hammond 7-10-2 Mr C Bonner (7) 99
6 000- GLORIOUS HEIGHTS 90 V Thompson 6-10-0 A Dobbin —

7-4 Bondaid, 3-1 As D'Eboli, 7-2 Busman, 5-1 Stags Fell, 10-1 others.

4.00 FEDERATION BREWERY 75th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,984: 2m 4f 110yd) (3)

1 -123 CLEVER FOLLY 3 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 14-11-10 N Doughty 92
2 1F-U EXPLOSIVE SPEED 14 (C,BF,F,G,S) M Hammond 6-11-5 P Niven 99
3 0P4- EBRO 165 (D,G,S) V Thompson 8-10-7 Mr M Thompson 96

4-5 Explosive Speed, 5-4 Clever Folly, 5-1 Ebro

4.30 FEDERATION BREWERY LCL PILS LAGER HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,301: 2m) (7)

1 60-2 THE GREEN FOOL 3 (CD,F,G,S) V Thompson 7-12-0 Mr M Thompson 99
2 34-5 RED JAM JAR 23 (D,F) C Bell 9-11-1 K Johnson 90
3 00-1 FLUIDITY 9 (D,F,G) J O'Shea 6-10-12 D Bridgwater 95
4 641- PERSPICACITY 83 (CD,F) Mrs J Mason 7-10-10 J Callaghan 90
5 332- RICHMOND 27F (B,G) Mrs S Austin 6-10-9 D Wilkinson 50
6 /P1 MCCARTHYS HOTEL 9 (D,F) Mrs G Plowright 11-10-1 F Leahy (5) 97
7 032- JIM'S WISH 83 T Cuthbert 6-10-0 Carol Cuthbert 97

3-1 Fluidity, 7-2 Jim's Wish, 5-1 The Green Fool, McCarthys Hotel, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J O'Shea, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; G Richards, 22 from 98, 22.4%; M Hammond, 18 from 98, 18.4%; G Moore, 12 from 73, 16.4%. Only qualifiers.
JOCKEYS: M A Fitzgerald, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; N Bentley, 14 from 44, 31.8%; A Maguire, 6 from 19, 31.6%; P Niven, 21 from 96, 21.9%; N Doughty, 10 from 53, 18.9%; L Wyer, 4 from 23, 17.4%.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good

2.00 (7f 16yd) 1, Ziffany (P Robinson, 11-2 fav); 2, Kings Vision (13-2); 3, Birch (7-1). 11 ran. NR: Don't Forget Ruby. Nk, 3½l. M Tompkins. Tote £4.70; £1.60, £2.30, £1.50. DF £11.00. Trio £13.50. CSF £36.38. Tricast: £226.55.

2.35 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Blue Lion (Miss A Harwood, 1-6 fav); 2, Mendip Son (66-1); 3, Awesome Power (6-1). 7 ran. NR: Captain Scarlet. 9l, 6l. G Wragg. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £5.90. DF: £8.20. CSF: £12.16. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.10 (1m 14yd) 1, Indian Light (W Carson, 11-8 fav); 2, New Century (5-2); 3, Reela's Mill (8-1). 7 ran. ¾l, 2l. J Dunlop. Tote £2.10; £1.50, £1.70. DF £2.20. CSF £5.14.

3.40 (5f 6yd) 1, Jayannpee (W Ryan, 5-1); 2, Gorinsky (4-1 fav); 3, Mister Jolson (14-1). 14 ran. 2½l, 2½l. I Balding. Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £2.00, £5.80. DF: £8.90. CSF £24.89. Trio: £43.20. Tricast: £248.74.

4.15 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, Howard's End (W Ryan, 11-4 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Zermatt (25-1); 3, Misty Silks (7-1). 12 ran. 2l, 1¾l. H Cecil. Tote £2.80; £1.60, £4.90, £2.50. DF £56.80. Trio: £473.60. CSF: £60.31. Tricast £408.63.

4.45 (1m 6f) 1, Special Risk (G Bardwell, 7-2); 2, Lile At Sea (7-1); 3, Maradonna (14-1). Limosa 3-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Poetic Form. 3½l, 2l. R Akehurst. Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £2.30, £3.30. DF: £10.40. Trio: £52.70. CSF: £28.69. Tricast: £292.35.

5.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Cashew (R Perham, 12-1); 2, Balaabel (5-2); 3, Moneefa (9-1). 14 ran. NR: From Beyond. 3l, 3l. R Phillips. Tote: £11.70; £2.90, £1.20, £2.00. DF: £12.50. CSF: £32.25. From Beyond (13-8 fav) withdrawn not under orders, rule 4 applies to all bets — deduct 35p in pound.

Jackpot: £984.10.
Placepot: £19.40. Quadpot: £8.80.

Chester

1.55 1, Shandine (5-4 fav); 2, Munguy (4-1); 3, Moonlight Acre (7-4). 4 ran.
2.30 1, Gondo (6-1 jt-fav); 2, Macfarlane (10-1); 3, Manor Adventure (12-1). Beau Venture 6-1 jt-fav. 13 ran. NR: Prince Azzaan.
3.00 1, Bold Angel (9-1); 2, Hunters Of Brora (6-1 jt-fav); 3, Gadge (20-1). Lacaenlu 6-1 jt-fav. 14 ran.
3.30 1, Sadler's Image (6-1); 2, Misbelief (12-1); 3, Safety In Numbers (8-1). Duke Of Eurolink 9-4 fav. 9 ran.
4.00 1, Saxon Maid (6-4 fav); 2, Noblissima (8-1); 3, Touring (11-4). 7 ran.
4.30 1, Trembling (4-1); 2, Borrowby (10-1); 3, What A Nightmare (11-2). Busy Banana 9-4 fav. 8 ran. NR: O Factor.
5.05 1, Sudood (2-1 fav); 2, Shoaq Albarr (14-1); 3, Lovely Me (25-1). 12 ran.

Ripon

2.10 1, Averman (8-1); 2, Skip To Somerfield (5-1); 3, Cono (12-1). Emerging Market 10-11 fav. 9 ran.
2.40 1, Scotsky (13-2); 2, Donna Viola (6-1); 3, Made In Heaven (2-1 fav). 23 ran.
3.15 1, Miss Pin Up (11-1); 2, Floating Line (11-4 fav); 3, First Bid (5-1). 11 ran.
3.50 1, Whittle Woods Girl (20-1); 2, Hever Golf Rose (12-1); 3, For The Present (6-1); 4, Amron (25-1). Poker Chip 3-1 fav. 21 ran.
4.20 1, Rory Creek (3-1); 2, Osario (5-6 fav); 3, Canary Falcon (8-1). 15 ran.
4.50 1, Halling (7-4 fav); 2, Bronze Maquette (10-1); 3, Sovereign Page (8-1). 10 ran. NR: Gold Desire.

Perth

2.20 1, Chantry Beath walked over. NR: Mytton's Choice, Bee Dee Best.
2.50 1, Belding (9-4); 2, Tinas Lad (5-2); 3, Sonsie Mo (11-10 fav). 3 ran. NR: Barkisland.
3.20 1, Mystic Memory (15-8 fav); 2, Badastan (2-1); 3, Valiant Dash (9-1). 7 ran.
3.55 1, So Discreet (1-3 fav); 2, Sound Profit (7-2). Only two finished. 3 ran.
4.25 1, Fairways On Target (8-11 fav); 2, Kelly's Darling (6-4); 3, Swift Carnage (9-1). 4 ran.
4.55 1, Muskora (4-1); 2, John Naman (7-2); 3, Family Line (5-2). 5 ran.

Market Rasen

5.40 1, Spanish Storm (6-4 fav); 2, Secret Formula (7-4); 3, Aislabie Airborne (40-1). 5 ran.
6.10 1, Appianceofscience (9-2); 2, Famous Dancer (3-1); 3, Hostetler (9-2). Rip The Calico 11-4 fav. 6 ran.
6.40 1, Encolin (4-6 fav); 2, Water Diviner (6-1); 3, Strephon (5-1). 9 ran.
7.10 1, Moulton Bull (10-1); 2, Deep Dark Dawn (4-5 fav); 3, Wayward Wind (2-1). 5 ran.
7.40 1, Crank Shaft (15-8); 2, Bahram Queen (7-4 fav); 3, Mara Askari (14-1). 6 ran. NR: Negatory.
8.10 1, Royal Crest (4-1); 2, Memorable (11-2); 3, Tordo (9-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: China's Pearl.

Wolverhampton

7.00 1, New Inn (7-1); 2, Child Star (11-1); 3, Charlie Bigtime (7-1). Swordking 5-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Pish Kesh.
7.25 1, River Junction (Mrs D Kettlewell, 7-4 fav); 2, Certain Way (14-1); 3, Conspicuous (12-1). 13 ran.
7.50 1, Anorak (5-2); 2, Spencer's Revenge (5-4 fav); 3, Eastleigh (11-2). 12 ran. NR: Ivan The Terrible.
8.20 1, Bex Hill (20-1); 2, Shining Edge (4-9 fav); 3, Court Nap (9-2). 7 ran. NR: Absolute Limit.
8.50 1, Vocal Command (11-4); 2, Runforaction (4-1); 3, Two Chalk (33-1). 12 ran. NR: My First Paige.
9.20 1, Everset (6-4 fav); 2, Johnnie The Joker (4-1); 3, Dawalib (20-1). 12 ran. NR: Royal Insignia.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

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	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	188	190	130	0	-96.96
J Weaver	148	112	106	3	+104.23
K Darley	112	92	85	5	-83.39
Pat Eddery	101	82	52	3	-66.04
T Quinn	95	88	89	1	-68.39
M Hills	72	58	40	1	+45.85
J Reid	72	62	58	6	-7.76
W Carson	68	56	59	4	-156.14
J Carroll	66	38	58	2	-126.12
Paul Eddery	66	47	54	0	-120.10
W R Swinburn	57	47	49	11	-22.29
D Holland	54	48	40	3	+39.20

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	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
J Berry	105	95	95	4	-155.78
M Johnston	93	67	68	3	+24.32
R Hannon	86	96	98	0	-258.71
M Stoute	71	49	59	0	-10.01
J Gosden	67	65	45	0	-27.58
Mrs M Reveley	62	66	49	1	-56.97
M Channon	62	43	52	1	-30.01
P Cole	54	58	48	0	-65.57
J Dunlop	52	45	40	0	-65.55
H Cecil	49	35	22	0	-13.61
M Bell	47	23	27	2	[illegible]
I Balding	40	32	21	0	[illegible]

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Klinsmann proves class act as Tottenham go out to play

Sheffield Wednesday 3
Tottenham Hotspur 4

BY SIMON BARNES

TOTTENHAM Hotspur have joined the Campaign for Real Scorelines. Starting the season six points behind the rest as a punishment for ancient financial jiggery-pokery, they have decided that the answer is not to bother with defence. It was playground football of the highest level.

Tottenham always had a slight edge in the goal race — no doubt because they had first pick — thanks to Jürgen Klinsmann, penalty-box diver, Renaissance man, cult hate-figure, scorer of the winning goal, reconstructed love-object and author of the goal celebration of the season.

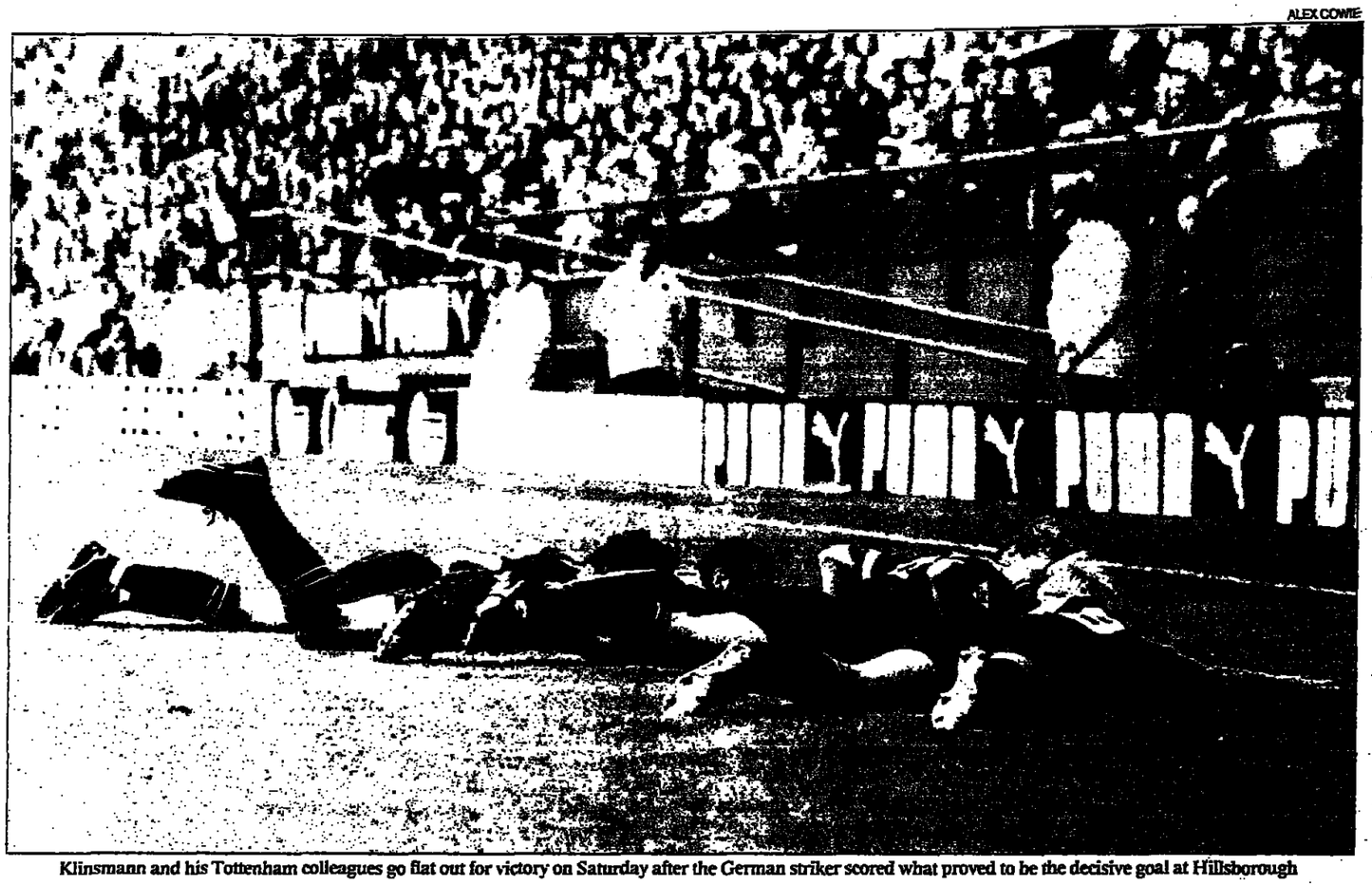
Acting on the theory that it does not matter how many goals your opponents get so long as you get more, Tottenham went to Hillsborough and beat Sheffield Wednesday 4-3. You are not supposed to play football this way any more. "It is the most adventurous line-up I have ever seen in management," Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, said.

Osvaldo Ardiles, the Tottenham manager, was filled with a rather rueful delight about "a beautiful team full of talent. I will continue with this attacking formation — I can do nothing else, in fact".

If we rule out distractions like attacking full backs, Tottenham lined up with five forwards, one or two defenders and absolutely nobody to do the ball-winning, fetching and carrying. The tactical pattern soon emerged. If you have the ball, attack with joy. If you do not, pray.

Naturally, it was the Tottenham exotica that caught the eye: how would Klinsmann and the Romanian, Dumitrescu, make out in the turbulence of the Premier League? Dumitrescu clearly thought that English goals are on the long sides of the pitch, but later he adjusted and attacked at 45 degrees to the goal instead of 90. This was rather effective. He beat men and consistently found targets. When his colleagues understand that when he plays a short pass he quite often wants the ball back, he will be a considerable force.

ALEX COMIE



Klinsmann and his Tottenham colleagues go flat out for victory on Saturday after the German striker scored what proved to be the decisive goal at Hillsborough

Wednesday have also been busy over the summer and they have a Romanian of their own, Petrescu, whose first contribution of note was to miss a cross from Anderton. Sheringham put away the chance with icy mien.

Tottenham finished the half two-up after Sheringham supplied a pass for Anderton to finish: Wednesday trooped off convinced that there was a fault in reality. It is a long time since they have played playground footy.

Wednesday got back into the game when Petrescu poked home a loose ball and they drew level when Calderwood robbed Bart-Williams and cracked the ball home with great certainty: alas, it was an own goal, one to savour.

More goals, more goals. Sheringham set up Barmby to score with a great wipe at the ball. And meanwhile, what of Klinsmann? A somewhat noticeable figure with his yellow mane, he made it quite clear that he was not here on his holidays. Intelligent and inventive, he is constantly bartering for space. He spent most of the match looking as if he was about to do something: finally, he did. The cross was from Anderton, the header of the coiled-spring variety. I caught the slo-mo on the television: it was a masterclass. He showed poker-player's bluff combined with a conjuring trick, not sleight of hand but sleight of entire body: the way he lost his marker, Walker, was perfection.

There is a difference between a scorer of great goals and a great scorer of goals. Klinsmann has his true being in the latter category. He has, above all things, the classic striker's gift: the understanding of the penalty box in terms of four-dimensional space, the fourth dimension being, of course, time.

A class player, a class act. Klinsmann led the celebrations, a hilarious performance of synchronised diving from the Tottenham forwards — just about all of them. It caught Klinsmann's joy, his delight in his adventure — and also a shared joy. The rising sap of team spirit will have warmed the Ardiles heart even more than the result.

But there was still a goal to come, Wednesday pulling one back with a belter of a volley from Hirst. And still more action to follow even that: Klinsmann outleapt Walker for another coiled-spring header and cracked his mouth on Walker's head.

Klinsmann was poleaxed, taken off on a stretcher and given eight stitches in his mouth. But, very sportingly, he came out to talk afterwards: "Very, very fast," he said with delight. "It is wonderful to join one of the best championships in Europe, and they welcome you."

It is not always like this, Jürgen — though come to think of it, at Tottenham it might have to be. Besides, "it is my nature to be honest", Ardiles said. Klinsmann's too, perhaps.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — D Petrescu, P Atherton, D Walker, I Nolan — C Bart-Williams, I Taylor, J Sheridan, A Sinton — D Hirst, M Bright (sub: G Watson, 75min).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (5-0-5): I Walker — D Kerslake, S Campbell (sub: G Mabbutt, 70), S Nethercott, J Edinburgh, C Calderwood — D Anderton, I Dumitrescu (sub: M Hazard, 76), N Barmby, J Klinsmann, E Sheringham.
Referee: B Hill.

Palace reduced to rubble by red resurgents

Crystal Palace 1
Liverpool 6

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

AROUND two hours before kick-off, Alan Smith, the Crystal Palace manager, conveyed the news of Devon Malcolm's burgeoning destruction of South Africa at the Oval to a receptive dressing-room at Selhurst Park. With Palace possessing a strong black contingent, it was intended as appropriate inspiration for the FA Carling Premiership challenge ahead.

At the end of the innings, Malcolm was celebrating nine wickets for 57 runs, the fourth-best Test bowling figures by



Rush: predatory

an England cricketer: 90 minutes into the Premiership season, Palace were as bedraggled as the proud Proteas. The Endsleigh Insurance League champions had received a damning initiation into life in the Big Top.

Consensus is often shattered by reality. Expert analysis deemed that Palace, just one season adrift of the mainstream, had regained their self-esteem and invested wisely over the summer. Liverpool, bereft of self-belief and beset by internecine strife, were already consigned to the scrap heap. On Saturday, all pre-judged opinion was reduced to rubble, similar to that scattered amid the wreckage of the Holmesdale End terrace.

As an impressive two-tier stand rises in its place, Smith also has to rebuild towards a pleasing, if not towering, presence in the Premiership. His original plans having been ripped asunder, the drawing board beckons.

"It was a rude awakening," he said. "Our defending was horrific. When we got the ball, we looked as though we might score: when Liverpool got it, they did. I don't think I can really talk my way out of this one."

Discussion was the main ingredient of Palace's enforced get-together yesterday, when Smith re-ran the video of their stunning ineptitude. His players will have noted, too, a Liverpool display of considerable grace, with Barnes and Molby retracing the steps of their prime.

Molby has a non-football record qualifying him for instant induction into the Highbury hall of fame and, at 31, suffers from the early stages of middle-age spread. Yet his balance is exact and he treats the ball with constant care and attention. Under his guidance, passing becomes an art form.

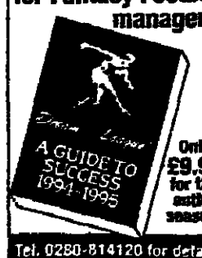
Though it was his first match for eight months, after a calf muscle injury, he sauntered through. "He's shed a fair amount of weight and got to shed a bit more," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. "But he asks me to judge him on his ability and that's fair enough."

Barnes, 30, relaxed but always aware in a deep, left-sided midfield role, also created at will. He was equally eager to muck in when required and worked conscientiously for the cause.

Liverpool scored three times in each half — via a Molby penalty, McManaman and Fowler in the first, and Rush, twice, and McManaman again in the second. The fourth goal involved nine successive passes and was concluded by Rush's firm header, evoking memories of Liverpool in their pomp. Armstrong nodded in Palace's consolation, giving them a glimmer of hope at 3-1 in the 49th minute, but it was no more than a mirage.

Do not be fooled or forget, calm and cultured as Liverpool were, that they won their opening three fixtures last season before disappearing into the ether. Palace were exposed as the new boys in town, without a street map, lost and bewildered. Finding their bearings will not be easy.

CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — D Patterson, R Young, G Coleman, D Gordon — J Salako, R Shaw (sub: J Bright, 60min), G Southgate, J Bright — C Armstrong, A Thorn. Subs not used: E Leaburn, P Hopkin.
LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): D James — S Jones, S Nicol, N Ruddock, J Redknapp — S Barnes, M Thomas, J Barnes, J Molby — R Rush, R Fowler. Subs not used: M Hooper, M Walters.
Referee: R Hart.

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Fifa's man says yes as referee plays it by the book

Southampton 1
Blackburn Rovers 1

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

HAD George Orwell scripted a football match in his novel *1984*, he would have evoked a suffocating atmosphere not unlike The Dell 1994. Big Brother, in the form of the man from Fifa, the world governing body, watched every move, directives spilling from the pockets of his smart blue blazer.

Had the referee fulfilled his quota of bookings? Had defenders submitted a notice of intent before attempting a tackle? Had the linesman turned a Nelsonian eye to blatant offsides? Above all, had the managers trooped into the post-match press conference two by two? Fifa directive No 223, sub-section 7, clause 5b, suggested they should.

So Alan Ball, the manager of Southampton, waited patiently for his opposite number, Kenny Dalglish, in the interview room before he metaphorically consigned the latest piece of paper from Fifa's headquarters to its rightful place in the wastebin. Long before, the mournful face of the referee, Keith Cooper, had suggested he would like to do the same. It was a pussyfooting game, but he still had to book seven players, each one accompanied by a gesture of apology. "I hate to do this, but . . ."

One tragi-comic moment had Tim Sherwood, the Blackburn captain, on his knees, pleading for leniency after a mistimed but hardly life-threatening tackle on the excellent Kenna. No dice. "I hate to do this . . ." If this continues, every referee should be able to sue Fifa for repetitive strain injury by Christmas.

The one benefit of all the bureaucratic nonsense was a marked improvement in the usually strained emotional triangle of player, referee and manager. With Flowers and Shearer returning to old haunts, Grobbelaar and Dalglish reminiscing over Anfield days, the air was more old boys' reunion than beginning of term, but rarely has a referee received such a commendation from a manager.

"He is one of the best referees I've seen since I've been involved in the game," Dalglish said of Cooper. "He always has a smile on his face, but he didn't enjoy his game today and that's a sad state of affairs." Cooper confirmed as much afterwards.

The Southampton defenders, sensing an element of handball in Shearer's equaliser in the second half and of injustice in a first-half penalty, awarded for handball and saved by Grobbelaar from Shearer, might not have pitched their praise so high, but the fact that a player signed on a free transfer had upstaged the £8.3 million combined strike force of Sutton and Shearer was enough cause for mockery. Barely had Sutton fallen over the ball for the first of many times during an anonymous debut than the chant of "what a waste of money" went up.

To be fair, neither he nor Shearer were anything like fit and their one glimpse of cohesion did produce Blackburn's goal, Sutton heading down for Shearer to drive the ball under Grobbelaar. But there will be better days for Sutton and his new team.

Southampton were just pleased to get a point from their first game. Their goal, after 15 minutes, was a beauty, too. Le Tissier landing a 50-yard pass over Gale's head straight into the path of Banger, who took the ball on his chest before thumping it past Flowers. "A world-class goal," Ball said. It had to be good. Even the man from Fifa could find nothing wrong with it.

SOUTHAMPTON (3-5-2): B Grobbelaar — R Hall, T Widdrington, F Benali — J Kenna, P Allen (sub: N Heaney, 67min), J Magilton, N Maddison, S Charlton — M Le Tissier, N Banger.
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, A Gale, C Hendry, G Le Saux — S Ripley, R Slater, T Sherwood, J Wilcox — A Shearer, C Sutton.
Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).



Shearer: upstaged

Ferguson searches for consistency

Manchester United..... 2
Queens Park Rangers .. 0

BY PETER BALL

THE first afternoon of Clive Wilson's new season ended after just eight minutes. "We all knew he was going," Mark Hughes said of the incident in which the Queens Park Rangers defender tripped Kanchelskis as the Russian flyer broke clear. Two red cards proved far more of a talking point than Manchester United's comfortable victory.

Wilson might well have gone even without the new refereeing guidelines, Kanchelskis's speed making the possibility of McDonald or Yates getting across to intervene rather remote. The contribution of Paul Parker was even more brief, the United full back lasting just five minutes before he tripped up Ferdinand. There had been 67 minutes between the two dismissals, Parker not appearing until the game was won as United finally turned numerical superiority into goals.

"I've supported the new guidelines, because we do want to see a better product in terms of less physical matches and more skilful football, but was it happening elsewhere?" Alex Ferguson, the United manager, asked. "If there's a lack of consistency, then you are going to get chaos."

On this occasion, the sendings-off came in a game without a bad tackle and not a yellow card in sight. "It means that defenders don't get a couple of tackles for free any more," Hughes said.

Like other attacking players, Hughes is already enjoying the greater freedom. Widely considered to have had his best season for the club as they won the double, he has picked up where he left off, leading the line impressively and scoring the first goal with typical explosive style as he met Kanchelskis's cross three minutes into the second half.

Yet, until his intervention, Rangers had more than held their own. Impey dropped back to left back, but not even the threat of Kanchelskis stopped him moving forward to play a full role in support. Holloway was impressive in midfield.

The loss of Wilkins and suggestions of further sales led one or two critics to fear for them this season, but, even with ten men, Rangers again demonstrated Gerry Francis's talent for producing neat, well-organised teams. He has also found another prodigy in Kevin Gallen.

Last year, for the second successive season, Gallen beat Jimmy Greaves's scoring record in the youth team, scoring more than 150 goals in two years. Making his first-team debut on the grand stage on Saturday, he took to it with relish and almost marked it with a goal.

He appeared to have done so on the half-hour, running past Pallister to beat Schmeichel with the certainty of a natural goalscorer, but he had used his arm to help the ball away from Pallister and United escaped.

With Ferdinand looking lively and eager, beating Pallister in the air and running Bruce on the ground, the pair posed some worrying questions about the United defence. Yet, once Hughes had struck, United increasingly looked the more dangerous side, with Ince outstanding. McClair, whose industry was as impressive as ever, made sure of the points 20 minutes later as he headed home after Ince hit the bar.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — D May (sub: P Parker, 70min), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — B McClair, P Ince — A Kanchelskis, M Hughes, R Giggs, L Sharpe (sub: R Keane, —).
QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): A Roberts — D Bardsley, S Yates, A McDonald, C Wilson — A Impey, S Barker, I Holloway, T Sinclair — L Ferdinand (sub: G Penrice, 90), K Gallen (sub: D Madden, 88).
Referee: D Gallagher.

Martin spared by referee's leniency

West Ham United 0
Leeds United 0

BY KEITH PIKE

RUSSELL Grant can sleep easy. Ron Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager-pundit who had forecast the likelihood of 20 players being sent off on Saturday in the wake of Fifa's edict to referees, was 75 per cent out. A safer prediction is that Atkinson should not give up his day job.

Yet that this match should have produced a sixth dismissal to go with the two at Old Trafford and three in the Endsleigh League is unarguable. Alvin Martin's wrestling of Rod Wallace to the ground on the hour, as the quicksilver Leeds United striker escaped West Ham's veteran centre half, was worthy of a red card in this or any other season. Martin, instead, saw yellow.

In the wake of 22 sendings-off in two worryingly traumatic days last week, Atkinson's fears were perhaps well-founded, but what he — and Fifa — have failed to appreciate is that, while matches are under the control of referees and not robots, no amount of tub-thumping from Zurich and Lancaster Gate, or Mount Sinai for that matter, is going to deter the official who chooses to ignore it.

Whether you applaud Keith Burge, the Mid Glamorgan referee, or condemn him probably depends on whether you side with Alex Ferguson or Gordon Taylor. The Manchester United manager demands consistency — and if Paul Parker deserved to go on Saturday, Martin certainly deserved to — while the players' union chief executive pleads for a degree of tolerance. There can be no happy medium.

Burge's interpretation of events was that Wallace "was not going towards goal and there was another player [defender] there as well . . . I would like to think I used my common sense". The match might have been going nowhere, but Wallace was most certainly bearing down on Miklosko's goal when Martin grounded him five yards outside the area, with Martin's nearest colleague stranded many miles upfield.

That one event should so dominate post-match discussions was testimony to 90 minutes in which West Ham confirmed their status as relegation favourites and Leeds appeared a solid, sporadically inventive side with the cutting edge of a lettuce leaf. Fifa would have made Carlton Palmer man of the match; the PFA vote would have gone decisively to Burge.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts (sub: A Whitbread, 70min), A Martin, D Barrows — M Allen, T Bishop, P Butler, M Holmes (sub: M Marsh, 82) — L Chapman, T Morley.
LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic — G Kelly, D Wetherall, C Palmer, N Worthington — D White, G Speed, G McAllister, G Strachan — R Wallace (sub: P Masinga, 67), S Deane.
Referee: K Burge.

Everton need further forward thinking

Everton 2
Aston Villa 2

BY ALYSON RUDD

EVERTON supporters will be keeping their fingers crossed this morning that, first, they manage to avoid those colleagues at work who follow Liverpool and, second, that the club signs Chris Armstrong, the Crystal Palace forward. Or any forward.

There ought to be, among the new Fifa directives, a rule that, when a club has suffered a near-death experience, it can draft in any player it chooses. Everton, who escaped relegation so dramatically last season, have been linked to almost every player on the move, but their only significant signing was Vinny Samways, for £2.2 million, from Tottenham Hotspur.

Samways looked reasonably comfortable on Saturday, but his presence was not strong enough to give Everton the confidence and completeness they lack. One of their main problems last season was an inability to convert pleasing build-ups into goals. Their other main problem was that if they did score, they could not command a lead.

So it was again against Aston Villa. Graham Stuart gave the home side a deserved half-time lead with a lovely, if unintentional, looping shot over Mark Bosnich. And, in the second half, Anders Limpar continued to look clever and dangerous. In the 66th minute, however, Villa equalised. John Fashanu meeting Phil King's corner. Yet, as Mike Walker, the Everton manager, pointed out, his players did not wilt, at least not yet, and took the lead again through Paul Rideout. Five minutes later, Dean Saunders equalised.

It was an exhilarating period of play, but Everton, with near-hysterical home support, should have secured three points. They were denied by some reckless finishing as well as superb goalkeeping and, ultimately, by a lack of confidence.

A goal on his debut will have boosted Villa's confidence in Fashanu. Of all the pre-season signings, his was the most curious. Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, was happy enough for him to use his strength and height to worry the Everton defence and you cannot argue with a goal. But Fashanu would be far more effective if he occasionally nodded the ball into the path of Saunders or held it up for Ray Houghton.

Atkinson said of Fashanu: "He goes in where angels fear to tread." Everton fans will need no reminding that, last season, the player allotted the task of reversing their scoring glut was Brett Angell. He failed. Who will dare tread that path at Goodison now?

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson (sub: J Patterson, 58min), D Unsworth, G Ablett — G Stuart, G Ebbrell, V Samways, A Limpar — P Rideout, A Cottee.
ASTON VILLA (4-3-1-2): M Bosnich — K Richardson, P McGrath, U Ehiogu, S Staunton (sub: P Ring, 51) — D Yorke, G Parker, A Townsend — R Houghton — D Saunders, J Fashanu.
Referee: K Morton.

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County pay penalty for missed chances

Notts County 1
Wolverhampton W 1

BY PETER BALL

ANDY Thompson's penalty 19 minutes from time brought Wolverhampton Wanderers a hard-earned draw at a sun-soaked Meadow Lane yesterday. The point takes them up to join the pack of clubs on four points jostling behind Middlesbrough, the Endsleigh Insurance League first division's only team with a 100 per cent record.

A draw was probably about right, ensuring that Notts County celebrated the opening of their new main stand with their first point of the season. The Derek Pavis Stand, named after the chairman, has completed the remarkable transformation of a ground that was once one of the most ramshackle in the league.

"The next step is to build a team which can take us into the Premier League," Pavis wrote in the programme. That may take rather longer than the summer that it took to put up the new stand, but County were worth their point against the pre-season promotion favourites and they might have had all three, missing some gaping opportunities to make the game safe before Thompson's equaliser.

Wanderers did not look like a team to take the league by storm. If they are to do so, they desperately need Steve Bull, whose absence yesterday spoke volumes for his importance to his side.

"There is a great potent force missing when Steve is not there and it was a question not of replacing him with one player but with two, pushing Froggatt forward as well as bringing in Rankine," Graham Taylor, the manager, said.

Froggatt was the most effective Wolverhampton forward in the first half and he might have settled his side's nerves after only ten minutes as he sped away from Yates, but he shot straight at Cherry as the goalkeeper came out, Cherry hanging on to a fierce shot as he dived.

The next time Froggatt got free, as Ferguson and Rankine combined, he made no mistake, but his strike was disallowed for offside. The television replay suggested that he was just the right side of the defender when Rankine's pass was made.

By then, Notts County were looking increasingly the livelier team against their more ponderous opponents and they almost took the lead on the half-hour as Lund met Legg's corner with a point-blank header that was blocked on the line by Ferguson. At that stage, Legg had been involved in just about everything, taking all the dead-ball kicks and hurling his long throws into the Wolverhampton penalty area from anywhere inside their half.

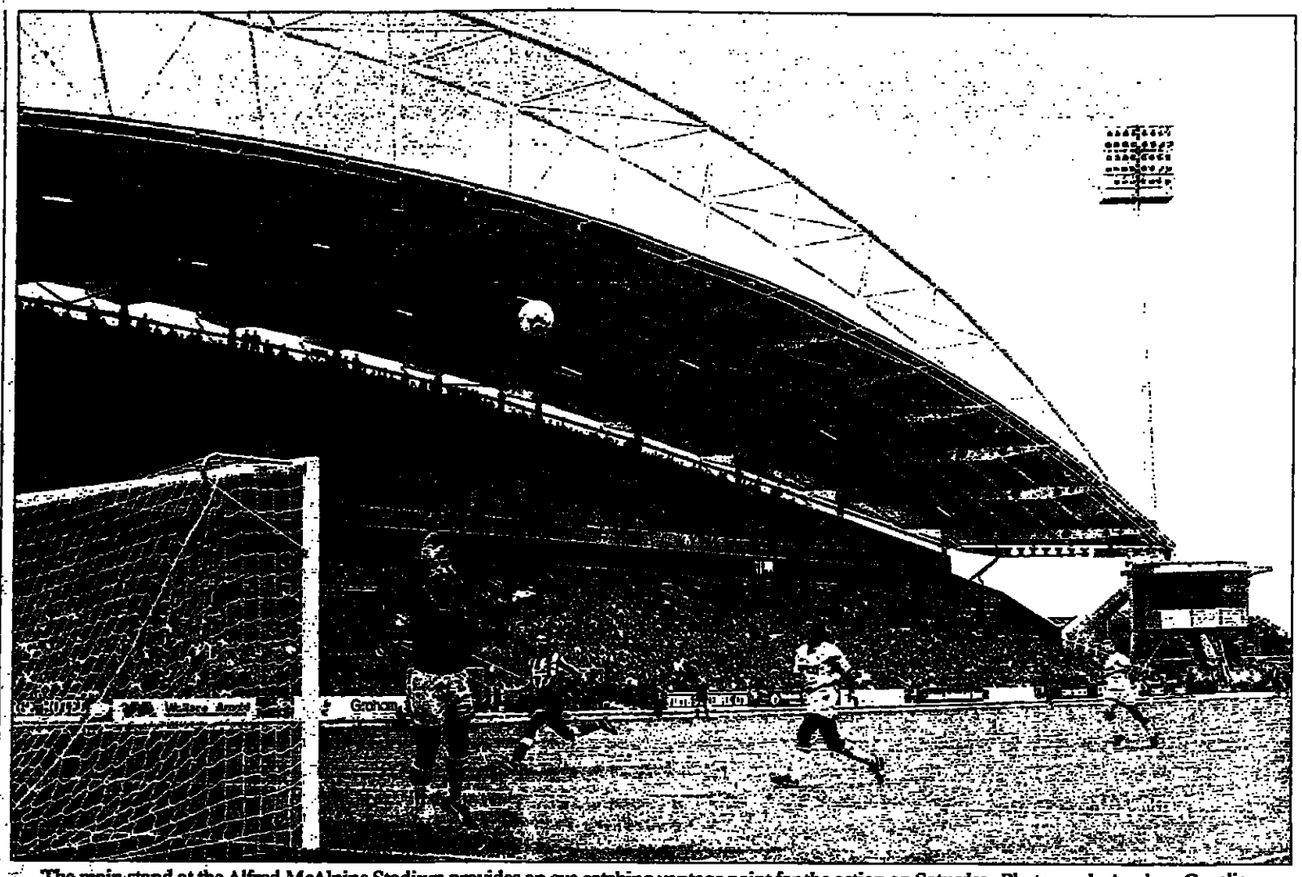
Legg, though, was not involved when County did take the lead. He was on his way over to take a corner when Emenalo decided to do the job for him and played it short to Turner. A square pass found Simpson and the youngster looked up before floating a perfect shot over Stowell and under the bar.

That gave County a lead they fully deserved at the interval, but, as the second half wore on, Wolverhampton stepped up the pressure. Even so, Agana and Legg both might have given County a further goal before Ferguson and Blades combined to free Rankine. Simpson caught him from behind and Wolverhampton secured their point from the spot.

NOTTS COUNTY (5-2-3): S Cherry — C Hoyle, D Yates, P Turner, S Murphy, M Emenalo — M Simpson (sub: R Matthews, 75min), A Legg — G McSwegan, G Lund, A Agana.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-4-3): M Stowell — P Blades, P Shirtliff, M Venus — J Smith, D Ferguson, G Thomas, A Thompson — D Kelly, M Rankin, S Froggatt.

Referee: I Cruickshanks.



The main stand at the Alfred McAlpine Stadium provides an eye-catching vantage point for the action on Saturday. Photograph: Asadour Guzelian

Nice stadium, shame about the team

Oliver Holt is lifted by the space-age splendour of Huddersfield Town's impressive new home

CONSTERNATION creased the faces of the Huddersfield Town players as they wandered like children in a maze through the corridors of their new stadium on Saturday. It was not that they had christened their futuristic home with a 1-0 defeat by Wycombe Wanderers, nor that they had had a defender, Pat Scully, sent off. The layout of the Alfred McAlpine Stadium baffled them: they could not find the players' bar.

A few yards away, Neil Warnock, the Huddersfield manager, stood at the entrance to the tunnel, gazing up at the majestic arcs of the roofs of the two stands that have been completed, ticking off a list of other teething troubles. "Twenty minutes before the kick-off, it felt like it was 120°F in our changing-room," he said. "The heating was on the blink. We managed to fix it, but I'd rather not say how. I'm just glad it's all over."

Warnock, who does not mince his words, suggested the fuss about the stadium had detracted from his team's preparation and contributed to its modest performance. Nobody thought it wise to suggest to him that the stadium, which cost £16 million, was rather more worthy of fuss than his team, which was made to look distinctly ordinary.

If there were fire-eaters and fortune-tellers on the forecourt and escalators scaling its exterior, it could quite easily be mistaken for the Pompidou Centre in Paris. It is closer in style to the San Siro in Milan than the Bescot in Walsall or the Deva in Chester, white steel pipes capping its blue arching roofs, huge concrete tripod bases making it seem as though the floodlights are about to be launched into outer space.

Two stands are complete and were filled to their 13,500 capacity on Saturday. The third will be finished in November, the fourth some time next year. Its design, especially the roofs, which have been nicknamed "banana trusses" in this part of Yorkshire, have generated considerable excitement. About half the crowd came to support the stadium, not the team.

It is only a few hundred yards away from Leeds Road, Huddersfield's home for 83 years, where the yellow skeleton of a DIY superstore has already been erected, but, in footballing ethos, the two are generations apart. The views are uninhibited, the facilities — which will be shared with Huddersfield Rugby League Club — first class, testimony to the changing priorities engendered by the Taylor Report. The atmosphere isn't bad, either.

The mayor cut a ribbon as the players dashed on to the pitch for their Endsleigh Insurance League second division encounter and the stadium's chief executive told the crowd it was "an arena for your children and your children's children". After that build-up, it really deserved a home victory for a baptism, but Huddersfield could not deliver.

Phil Starbuck, the captain and the player who scored the last goal at Leeds Road, came close and Andrew Booth was denied by a point-blank save from Paul Hyde, the Wycombe goalkeeper, midway through the second half, but the home team had no answer to the guile and experience of the visitors' attacking pairing of Cyrille Regis and Simon Garner.

Garner scored the winner on the stroke of half-time, finishing a move involving nine passes with a sweet left-foot shot from the edge of the area that whistled low past Steve Francis in the Huddersfield goal.

It was an anti-climactic end to a chaotic day that had begun with a pitch invasion from local residents angry about noise from the loudspeaker system.

The first litter was dropped, the first arguments about who was sitting in whose seat were conducted, the first reverse was suffered and Terry Fisher, the chairman, issued his first warning to his manager. "He has got to build a team to justify this stadium, now," he said.

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (4-4-2): S Francis — C Billy, P Scully, G Mitchell, T Cowan — S Baldry (sub: I Dunn, 61min), D Bullock, P Reid, P Starbuck — A Booth, R Jepson

WYCOMBE WANDERERS (4-1-2): P Hyde — J Cousins, G Creaser T Evans S Brown — K Ryan, D Carroll, S Thompson, S Stapleton — C Regis, S Garner (sub T Hemmings, 86).

Referee: T Lunt.

Schwarz makes game look simple

Arsenal 3
Manchester City 0

BY PAT GIBSON

THE Arsenal supporters could not refrain from jeering "Are you Klinsmann in disguise?" when Manchester City's German striker, Uwe Rösler, took a dive into an early bath, but the Arsenal manager, George Graham, preferred to concentrate on his own summer signing. And rightly so.

While Klinsmann may be a master of the spectacular, Stefan Schwarz, the Swedish international midfield player Graham bought from Benfica, is an expert in the simple things — like winning the ball and passing it quickly and accurately; like picking up the bits and pieces and making something substantial out of them.

"It's a very difficult thing to play simple football," Graham observed after Schwarz had surreptitiously engineered Arsenal's first winning start to a season in five years. "When people think they're having a good game, they want to try something more elaborate, but Stefan's got this very simple passing game off to a fine art."

Schwarz played at left back at Malmö before moving into midfield with Benfica, which probably explains the snap in his tackle that provoked Rösler into getting himself sent off. He collected his first yellow card for retaliation and his second, quickly followed by a red one, for his angry reaction to the referee's refusal to be taken in by a dive worthy of Klinsmann himself.

None of this ruffled Schwarz, who simply — that word again — got on with his work. "His mental attitude is unbelievable," Graham said. "He's a winner."

Nobody benefited more from Schwarz's supply than Campbell, seemingly in his element playing wide on the right. He showed his strength to score the first goal himself after only two minutes and set up the others for Smith and Wright.

Brian Horton, the City manager, protested afterwards that Campbell had used his hand to flick the ball away from the goalkeeper, Coton, for the second goal, but he knew better than anyone that it made no difference to the result.

"You go a goal down here inside three minutes and you've got a job on, haven't you?" he said. "They don't give much away, they're very professional, very thorough and very disciplined."

They always were, of course, but with Schwarz they seem to have added an extra ingredient that could have a profound effect on the Premiership.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Adams (sub: M Keown, 86min), S Bould, N Winterburn — P Campbell, S Schwarz, J Jensen, P Merson (sub: P Dickov, 87) — A Smith, I Wright.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A Coton — A Hill, K Curle, M Vonk, T Phelan — N Summerbee, G Fitzroit (sub: I Brightwell 24), S McMahon, P Beagrie — U Rosler, P Walsh (sub: N Dunn, 60).

Referee: P Durkin.

Walker presents tribunal with value for money problem

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

A TRANSFER tribunal meets in Manchester today to fix a value for Andy Walker, but it would be an easier task to nail down a wisp of smoke. The career of the Celtic striker, who returned to the club in June after two years with Bolton Wanderers, has been subject to the kind of fluctuations of fortune more appropriate to the plot of *Dynasty*.

His case history reminds you just how capricious the pricing of players actually is. Form, after all, is not a permanent characteristic. In the move from one club to another, or on the even shorter journey of a single match, it can utterly vanish.

The problem is at its most acute with strikers. Walker joined Celtic from Motherwell for £350,000 in 1987 and, for two years, wallowed in goals. Then the knack left him. Towards the end of that spell at Parkhead, he almost appeared gloomy when a chance came his way, so sure was he that it would all end badly.

In February of 1992, after a loan spell, his move to Bolton, for a fee of £170,000, became permanent. Back in Glasgow, a lament was being fashioned. Those of a melodramatic inclination noted the evaporation of a fine career and put it all down to an eye injury sustained at Pittodrie in 1989.

That little piece was just about ready to be wedged into the mosaic of Celtic folklore when Walker found fresh life. Down in Lancashire, he went on to score 55 goals in 79 games for Bolton. Inevitably, there were covetous admirers. It is reported that the English side will inform today's tribunal that they once received a £2 million offer for Walker from Tottenham Hotspur.

There is, however, conflicting evidence to be considered. Any bid by Tottenham presumably pre-dates the drastic cruciate ligament injury, in 1993, that kept Walker out of the game for almost a year.

The tribunal must sift through the consequences for the relationship between player and club. When Walker's contract ended this summer, did the scale of the new offer made by Bolton really suggest that they still felt they had £2 million of prime forward on their books?

Walker preferred to re-sign for Celtic, but the club, troubled by the results of his medical, actually considered cancelling the deal. Pity the men in Manchester who must consider the eddy of finance, form and fitness that has swirled through the slight frame of the 29-year-old.

The whole process might usefully be simplified by placing a greater responsibility on the clubs themselves. Celtic and Bolton have both been frivolous. The Scots have offered £250,000, while the Englishmen price Walker at £2.2 million. Much more reasonable figures would be tabled if tribunals were simply asked to choose the valuation of one party or the other.

After 73 minutes of Saturday's 2-1 victory over Dundee United, any Celtic fans asked how they rated Walker might, in their ecstacy, have called him priceless. He had just scored the opener, taking a pass from Grant, twisting away from Brian Welsh's challenge and measuring a shot beyond the goalkeeper.

For all that, Walker was previously at his best for Celtic after the club, in 1987, purchased him a real partner in Frank McAvennie. That level of signing is going to be necessary once again if the side is to escape the staidness that gripped it on Saturday.

They only won because the visitors' goalkeeper, Alan Main, missed a corner in the third minute of injury time and allowed Tony Mowbray to score. It will, however, take more than a few freaks for Celtic to flourish.

☐ The Dundee United chairman, Jim McLean, wishes to make two corrections to last Monday's Scottish Commentary. He points out that the club's manager, Ivan Golac, did not leave the ground within 15 minutes of the final whistle as we reported but travelled back to Dundee with the team after the match at Easter Road. McLean also denied our suggestion that there was a £300 limit on the weekly basic wage of Dundee United players.

FULL WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS

FA Carling Premiership

ARSENAL (2) 3 MANCHESTER C (0) 0
Campbell 2 Smith 36 39,388
Wright 76
Sent off: Rosler (Manchester City) 62

CHELSEA (1) 2 NORWICH (0) 0
Sinclair 43 23,096
Ferlong 75

COVENTRY (0) 1 WIMBLEDON (0) 1
Busst 70 Castledine 55
10,862

C PALACE (0) 1 LIVERPOOL (3) 6
Armstrong 49 Molby 12 (pen)
16,084 McManaman 14, 70
Fowler 45 Rush 60, 74

EVERTON (1) 2 A VILLA (0) 2
Stuart 22 Rideout 70 Fashanu 66 Saunders 74
35,544

IPSWICH (0) 0 NOTTM F (1) 1
18,882 Roy 40

MANCHESTER U (0) 2 QPR (0) 0
Hughes 47 McClair 68 43,214
Sent off: Wilson (QPR) 7
Parker (Manchester United) 74

SHEFF WED (0) 3 TOTTENHAM (2) 4
Petrescu 54 Sheringham 19
Calderwood 66 (og) Anderton 30
Hirst 83 Barmby 71
34,051 Klinsmann 82

SOUTHMPTN (1) 1 BLACKBURN (0) 1
Banger 15 Shearer 60
14,209

WEST HAM (0) 0 LEEDS (0) 0
18,610

Yesterday

LEICESTER C (0) 1 NEWCASTLE (0) 3
Joachim 90 Cole 51 Beardsley 58
20,648 Elliott 74
Sent off: Smicek (Newcastle) 85

DIADORA FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 2 Hitchin 1; Carshalton 2 Wokingham 2; Chesham 0 Slough 1; Grays 1 Walton and Hersham 1, Harrow 1 Dulwich 2; Hendon 0 Sutton Utd 1, Kingstonian 1 Hayes 1; Maidenhead 4 St Albans 4, Molesey 0 Enfield 2; Purfleet 2 Bromley 1, Yeading 1 Bishop Stortford 1. First division: Barking 0 Dorking 2, Basingstoke 2 Staines 3, Berkhamsted 2 Wivenhoe 1; Billericay 3 Abingdon 0, Bognor Regis 0 Wembley 1; Boreham Wood 0 Chertsey 0; Leyton 0 Heybridge Swifts 1, Maidenhead Utd 2 Aldershot 2; Newbury 2 Worthing 0; Tooting and Mitcham 0 Whyteleafe 0; Uxbridge 0 Ruislip Manor 2. Second division: Banstead 1 Hungerford 0, Berton Rovers 2 Ware 1; Chalfont St Peter 2 Tilbury 0; Chesham 2 Thame Utd 1; Croydon 1 Windsor and Eton 0; Edgware 0 Bracknell 3, Egham 3 Aveley 0; Hampton 2 Witham 2, Hemel Hempstead 1 Leatherhead 1, Malden Vale 1 Saffron Walden 2; Metropolitan Police 3 Oxford City 1. Third division: Bedford 2 Epsom and Ewell 1, Camberley 0 Harlow 2; Canvey Island 2 Leighton 0; Cove 0 Ilford 0; Racoswil Heath 0 Clapton 4, Hertford 3 Feltham and Hounslow B 1; Hornchurch 1 East Thurrock Utd 2, Horsham 2 Kingsbury 3; Leiaes 0 Northwood 2; Southall 1 Collier Row 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 0 Crawley 0; Chelmsford 3 Solihull 1; Corby 1 Trowbridge 1; Gloucester 3 VS Rugby 0.

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BOLTON (0) 0 BRISTOL CITY (1) 2
12,127 Baird 24
Allison 67

BURNLEY (1) 1 STOKE (0) 1
Davis 42 Dreyer 90
15,331

CHARLTON (0) 2 BARNSLEY (0) 2
Whyte 80 Chapple 90 Payton 72 Davis 90
8,171

DERBY (0) 0 LUTON (0) 0
13,060

PORT VALE (0) 3 OLDHAM (0) 1
Kenny 49 (og) Foyle 81 Sharp 59
Naylor 74 10,051

READING (0) 0 PORTSMTH (0) 0
9,106

SOUTHEND (0) 0 MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2
5,722 Hendrie 30, 49

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 MILLWALL (1) 1
Goodman 53 Rae 45
17,296

TRANMERE (1) 3 SWINDON (2) 2
Aldridge 2, 62 Fjortoft 9, 43
Nevin 65 8,482

WATFORD (0) 0 GRIMSBY (0) 0
6,324

Yesterday

NOTTS CO (1) 1 WOLVRHMPTN (0) 1
Simpson 35 Thompson 70 (pen)
8,569

Gresley Rovers 0 Sudbury 1; Hastings 3 Halesowen 1; Hednesford 0 Dorchester 0; Leek Town 4 Cambridge City 1, Rushden and Diamonds 0 Cheltenham 2; Stalingbourne 0 Burton 2; Worcester 1 Gravesend and Northf. 0. Midland division: Buckingham 2 Armitage 0; Dudley 1 Leicester Utd 1; Evesham Utd 1 Tamworth 1; Forest Green Rovers 0 Badworth Utd 0; Grantham 2 Bridgnorth 3, Ilkeston 4 Nuneaton Borough 2; King's Lynn 2 Newport AFC 2; Moor Green 3 Stourbridge 0; Redditch Utd 1 Hinckley 0, Rothwell 2 RC Warwick 0; Sutton Coldfield 2 Bilston 3. Southern division: Ashford 0 Clevedon 0; Baldock 3 Yate 2; Braintree 2 Poole 3; Fareham 0 Wealdstone 2; Havant 0 Erith and Belvedere 2; Margate 3 Bashley 1; Tonbridge AFC 2 Salisbury 1; Waterlooville 3 Fisher 89 1; Weston-super-Mare 5 Burnham 1; Weymouth 1 Bury Town 0; Witney 4 Newport IOW 1.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 1 Holywell 1; Afan Lido 0 Flint 2; Bangor City 3 Cairnsa 1; Connah's Quay 1 Mossley Park 0; Inter Cardiff 4 Conwy 0; Llanelli 5 Rhyl 2; Mold 3 Cwmbran 1; Newtown 1 Ebbw Vale 0; Porthmadog 1 Barry Town 4; Ton Pentre 2 Llansantfraid 0.

SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 0 Hanngey Borough 1; Beaconsfield Sycob 2 Tower Hamlets 1; Brimesdown 4 Brook House 1; Cockfosters 3 Wilesden 2; Corinthian Casuals 2 St Margaretsbury 3; Croydon Athletic 1 Waltham Abbey 0; Hanwell 1 Barkingside 2; Walthamstow Pennant 3 Hillingdon Borough 0.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 2 Gulseley 3; Boston Utd 4 Accrington Stanley 2; Bloxton 1 Morecambe 2; Droylsden 1 Knowsley 2, Frickley 1 Colwyn Bay 2; Horwich 2 Gainsborough 1, Marine 2 Emley 1; Matlock 0 Witon 1; Spennymoor 2 Chorley 2; Whitley Bay 2 Hyde 2; Winsford 0 Bishop Auckland 4. First division: Bamber Bridge 6 Atherton LR 0; Blyth Spartans 1 Congleton 1, Caernarfon 1 Goole 2; Curzon Ashton 1 Netherfield 0, Eastwood 1 Warrington 0; Gt Harwood 4 Ashton Utd 3; Grasna 2 Harrogate 1; Lancaster 2 Alfreton 1; Mossley 0 Fleetwood 2; Radcliffe Borough 2 Farsley Celtic 4; Workington 1 Worksop 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare 0 North Ferriby 0; Belper 2 Pontefract Collieries 2; Brigg 3 Hallam 3; Glasshoughton Welfare 1 Ashfield United 2; Hucknall 0 Lincoln United 2; Liversedge 1 Pickering 4; Maltby MW 1 Ossett Town 2; Ossett Albion 0 Denaby 2; Sheffield 2 Stocksbridge PS 2; Thackley 1 Arnold 2.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup Borough 0 Kidsgrove Athletic 2; Bootle 1 Nantwich 3; Burscough 2 Prescot 2; Clitheroe 2 Blackpool Rovers 1; Eastwood Hanley 1 Chadderton 2; Hellvar OB 0 Maine Road 4, Newcastle Town 4 Skelmersdale Utd 0; Penrith 2 Glossop North End 1; Salford 3 Darwen 0; Trafford 1 Rossendale 0.

Second division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 CHESTER (0) 0
Donowa 20 12,188

BOURNEMTH (1) 1 BLACKPOOL (1) 2
Cotterill 25 Ellis 8 50
3,098

BRADFORD (1) 2 LEYTON ORIENT (0) 0
Jewell 24, 87 7,473

BRENTFORD (0) 0 PETERBORO (1) 1
5,516 Charlery 14

BRIGHTON (0) 1 PLYMOUTH (0) 1
Chamberlain 53 Bradshaw 69
8,309

BRISTOL R (1) 3 YORK (1) 1
Clark 30 Miller 48 McCarthy 34
Stewart 56 3,957

CAMBRIDGE UTD (1) 3 STOCKPORT (2) 4
Joseph 17 Marsh 85 Francis 21, 73
Corazzin 89 Armstrong 43
3,163 Gannon 48

CARDIFF (1) 1 OXFORD UTD (2) 3
Slant 7 Moody 28, 34, 56
7,281

CREWE (2) 3 ROTHERHAM (0) 1
Rowbotham 8 Vaseli 66
Tierney 41 Ward 58 3,505

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 WYCOMBE (1) 1
13,334 Baner 41
Sent off: Scully (Huddersfield) 85

HULL (0) 0 SWANSEA (0) 2
3,797 Cornforth 78
Ampadu 90

SHREWSBURY (1) 2 WREXHAM (2) 2
Clarke 13 Brown 66 Bennett 8, 13 (pen)
5,748

Third division

DONCASTER (1) 1 NORTHMPTN (0) 0
Jones 35 2,194

EXETER (0) 0 BURY (3) 4
2,164 Carter 12, 16, 89
Jackson 37

HARTLPOOL (0) 1 DARLINGTN (0) 0
Lynch 64 3,035

HEREFORD (0) 0 PRESTON (0) 2
3,039 Conroy 82 Sale 86
Sent off: Davies (Hereford) 29

MANSFIELD (0) 2 COLCHESTR (0) 0
Holland 80 Hadley 90 2,247

ROCHDALE (1) 4 CHESTRFLD (0) 1
Reid 15 Thompson 50 Norris 54
Thackeray 55 2,122
Whitehall 69

SCARBORO (0) 0 BARNET (0) 1
1,471 Cooper 42

SCUNTHRPE (1) 1 FULHAM (1) 2
Jurryeff 8 Cork 13, 90
3,165

TORQUAY (0) 1 CARLISLE (0) 1
Hanzor 82 Reeves 76
3,506

WALSALL (1) 2 LINCOLN (0) 1
O'Connor 40 (pen) West 60
March 57 3,613

WIGAN (0) 0 GILLINGHAM (1) 3
1,514 Foster 35 Reinelt 53
Watson 83

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough Athletic 1 Southwick 0, East Grinstead 0 Arundel 1, Langney Sports 1 Littlehampton 0, Newhaven 0 Pagham 7, Oakwood 1 Ringmer 3, Portfield 2 Slamco 2, Shoreham 2 Hailsham 2; Three Bridges 0 Peacehaven and Telscombe 5; Whitehawk 1 Eastbourne 1; Wick 2 Burgess Hill 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 1 Frome 0; Elmore 4 Chippenham 2; Liskeard Athletic 1 Tiverton 4; Mangotsfield Utd 2 Cheddar Utd 0, Paulton Rovers 2 Bideford 2; Saltash Utd 0 Bridport 0; Taunton 5 Calne 1, Torrington 1 Odd Down 2; Westbury Utd 2 Bristol Manor Farm 1.

ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Bowers Utd 3 Stansted 1, Brentwood 2 Basildon 6, Burnham Ramblers 4 Southend Manor 0; Ford Utd 2 Maldon 0, Gt Wakering Rovers 1 Romford 1; Hullbridge Sports 3 Eton Manor 0, Sawbridgeworth 2 Concord Rangers 2.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 3 Whitstable 2; Chatham 3 Crockenhill 1; Cray Wanderers 1 Ramsgate 6, Darenth Heathside 2 Canterbury City 5; Dartford 2 Tunbridge Wells 1; Deal 2 Thamesmead 2; Folkestone Invicta 2 Corinthian 2, Herne Bay 7 Glossop North End 1; Salford 3 Darwen 0; Trafford 1 Rossendale 0.

GM Vauxhall Conference

BROMSGROVE (0) 1 SOUTHPORT (0) 1
Skelding 68 (pen) Blackburd 90
1,030

DOVER (1) 2 TELFORD (0) 0
Lewothy 35, 68 1,170
Sent off: Cnsp (Dover) 25

FARNBOROUGH (1) 1 KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0
Boothe 45 911

GATESHEAD (0) 0 BATH (0) 1
502 Smart 53

MACCLSFLD (2) 3 WELLING (1) 1
Sorvel 17 Power 40 Robbins 12
Askey 47 757
Sent off: Power (Macclesfield) 53

NORTHWICH (1) 2 MERTHYR (0) 0
Oghani 1 Butler 83 814

RUNCORN (1) 1 KETTERING (1) 2
Hughes 17 Taylor 27 Brown 51
491

STAFFORD (0) 0 STEVENAGE (0) 3
977 Conroy 67
Simpson 77
Williams 87

STALYBRIDGE (0) 1 DAG & RED (0) 0
Shaughnessy 73 570

WOKING (1) 1 HALIFAX (2) 3
Steele 45 Pinderville 19
1,760 German 30 Boardman 47
Sent off: German (Halifax) 45

YEOVIL (1) 1 ALTRINCHM (3) 3
Spence 30 Harris 7, 36
2,032 France 22
Sent off: Evans (Yeovil) 66

Kent Police 1; Sheppey Utd 1 Furness 0; Slade Green 2 Faversham 2.

MIDLAND FOOTBALL ALLIANCE: Barwell 1 Sandwell Boro 2, Chasetown 2 Knypersley Vic 2, Oldbury United 0 Paget Rangers 0, Pershore 1 Bolehall Swifts 0; Rocester 1 West Mid Police 1, Rushall O 2 Halesowen Harr 1, Shepshed D 1 Stratford 3, Shirnal 0 Boldmere St M 2; Stapenhall 2 Hinckley Athletic 4; Willenhall 2 Brierley Hill 0

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 0 Chelsea 2, Cambridge Utd 3 Ipswich 2; Charlton 0 Tottenham 0; Gillingham 2 Watford 2; Leyton Orient 0 Southend 0, Norwich 3 QPR 3, Portsmouth 0 Millwall 1, Fulham 0 West Ham 0. Second division: Bournemouth 0 Oxford Utd 5; Brentford 1 Wimbledon 2, Bristol City 2 Colchester 0, Crystal Palace 4 Reading 0, Swindon 5 Bristol Rovers 2, Tottenham 1 Southampton 3; Wycombe Wanderers 0 Luton 5

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Holbeach 4 Desborough 0, Kempston 0 Northampton Spencer 5; Long Buckby 0 Mirrlees Blackstone 3; Newport Pagnell 0 Raunds 2; Spalding Utd 0 Cogenhoe 4; Stamford 3 Eynesbury 0, S and L Corby 2 Potton 3, Stotfold 2 Wellingborough 0, Wootton 2 Boston 4.

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

ABERDEEN (1) 2 FALKIRK (1) 2
Robertson 37 Cadette 29
Booth 87 McDonald 75
12,900

CELTIC (0) 2 DUNDEE UTD (0) 1
Walker 73 Nixon 76
Mowbray 90 25,817

HIBERMIAN (0) 0 KILMARNCK (0) 0
9,101

MOTHERWLL (0) 1 HEARTS (0) 1
Coyne 79 (pen) Johnston 51
8,248

PARTICK (0) 0 RANGERS (1) 2
15,030 Byrne 8 (og)
Haleley 77

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 0 ST JOHNSTN (0) 0
3,500

AYR (0) 1 ST MIRREN (0) 1
Bilsland 57 Lavety 50
2,787
Sent off: Sharples (Ayr) 16

CLYDEBANK (0) 0 DUNFRLNE (1) 1
1,771 Petrie 28

DUNDEE (2) 3 STRANRAER (0) 1
Britton 4, 65 Walker 89
McCafferey 44 (og) 3,186

RAITH (1) 1 HAMILTON (1) 1
Graham 39 Chalmers 23
2,825
Sent off: Rowbotham (Raith) 75

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington Terriers 3 Hebburn 3, Chester-le-Street 0 Peterlee 0; Consett 2 Billingham Synthonia 0, Dunston FB 3 Prudhoe 1, Guisborough 2 Seaham Red Star 0; Murton 1 RTM Newcastle 4; Northallerton 3 Eppleton CW 0; Shildon 1 Whitby 4, Tow Law 1 Ferryhill Athletic 2; West Auckland 1 Durham City 0

BORD GAIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CUP: Section A: Kilkenny City 1 Cork City 5, Cobh Ramblers 4 Waterford 0 Section B: Dery City 2 Sligo Rovers 0 Section C: Limerick 3 Salthill Devon 1 Section D: Longford Town 1 Dundalk 6, Monaghan Utd 0 Drogheda Utd 2 Section E: Bohemians 4 St James Gate 0, Home Farm 1 Shelbourne 1 Section F: St Patrick's Athletic 2 Shamrock Rovers 1; Bray Wanderers 2 UCD 0.

ULSTER CUP: Section A: Bangor 3 Carrick 1, Glentoran 0 Linfield 1 Section B: Ards 1 Newry 2, Coleraine 2 Portadown 2 Section C: Ballymena 0

Second division

BRECHIN (1) 1 BERWICK (2) 2
McNeill 31 Irvine 24 Fraser 33
613

MEADWBNK (0) 0 MORTON (0) 1
398 Lilley 80 (pen)

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 1 CLYDE (1) 2
Bryce 61 Dickson 15
1,439 McConnell 88

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 EAST FIFE (0) 1
Sludden 42 Hunter 60
544

STIRLING (0) 1 DUMBARTON (0) 1
McCloud 58 Mooney 78 (pen)
714

Third division

ALBION (1) 2 MONTROSE (2) 4
Scott 3 Seggie 70 Kennedy 9, 60, 82
274 Haro 25
Sent off: Quinn (Albion) 84

CALEY THISTLE (0) 0 QUEEN'S PARK (2) 4
1,500 Orr 15
Maxwell 18, 61
Graham 59

COWDNBTH (4) 6 ARBROATH (0) 2
Yardley 16, 29, 32, 68 Riley 48 Tosh 51
Malloy 40 Soutar 77 315

EAST STIRLING (1) 2 ROSS COUNTY (1) 2
McCallum 40 Scott 53 McPherson 30
632 Wilson 80

FORFAR (2) 3 ALLOA (0) 2
Bingham 23, 35 Newbiggins 55 (pen)
Kopel 65 McCulloch 85
540

Glenavon 5, Distillery 2 Lame 1 Section D: Ballyclare 2 Crusaders 1, Clitonville 0 Omagh Town 0

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Portsmouth 0 Wimbledon 3

FRENCH LEAGUE: Nantes 1 Paris Saint-Germain 0, Bastia 1 Caen 0; Metz 1 Auxerre 1, Bordeaux 2 St Etienne 1; Le Havre 1 Montpellier 2, Lens 2 Marseilles 1, Sochaux 1 Rennes 3, Strasbourg 3 Nice 2; AS Monaco 2 Lille 0, Cannes 5 Lyons 1

GERMAN LEAGUE: Schalke 04 1 Borussia Monchengladbach 1, VfB Stuttgart 2 Hamburner SV 1, Bayer Leverkusen 0 Kaiserslautern 1, Dynamo Dresden 1 Werder Bremen 1, Bayer Uerdingen 1 MSV Duesburg 1, Karlsruhe SC 2 Freiburg 0, Eintracht Frankfurt 0 Cologne 0; Bayern Munich 3 VfL Bochum 1, Borussia Dortmund 4 Munich 1860 0

SWISS LEAGUE: Lugano 0 Servette 1, Grasshoppers 2 FC Sion 0; Aarau 2 Young Boys SSC 0 Lausanne 1 Luzern 2; St Gallen 1 FC Zurich 1 Neuchâtel Xamax 1 Basel 0.

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Standard Liege 3 Royal Antwerp 1, Lommel 2 Lierse 3, RSC Charleroi 3 KV Mechelen 1, RWD Molenbeek 1 FC Brugos 1, AA Ghent 2 Beveren 1, Cercle Bruges 2 Anderlecht 1 FC Liege 1 Saint-Truiden 1, Ostend 1 Seraing 2 Ekeren 2 Aalst 3

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Farense 3 Sporting Lisbon 2

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Austria Salzburg 1 Sturm Graz 1, Austria Vienna 1 Rapid Wien 1, FC Linz 2 Admira Wacker 1, Vorwaerts Steyr 3 Lask 3, VfB Moedling 2 FC Tyrol Innsbruck 3

POOLS CHECK

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Bureaucracy's unfriendly face intrudes on Games



DAVID MILLER
At the Commonwealth Games

Whatever the goodwill of the Friendly Games, they too are seldom without their snags. Bureaucracy has absurdly denied potential medal-winning Sri Lankan athletes their rightful place here, the Isle of Man — among others — are making donkeys of themselves complaining about the introduction of cricket in 1998, women lobbyists are complaining about being left out and press facilities are proving to be among the worst in the history of organised sport.

But, first, a heart-warming story of integration. Masibulele Makepula, born in a township in East London in Cape Province — home of the anti-apartheid folk hero, Steve Biko — may well become South Africa's first black Olympic gold medal-winner in Atlanta. His is the kind of emergence that is fundamental to the development, and social stability, of that country's sport. So swift is his reflex combination punching that he is known at home as "The Hawk".

At 21, Makepula is the four-times national light-flyweight champion and is said to be one of the motivating forces in the South African team. On Saturday, he overwhelmed the fancied Aaron Everett, of Australia, landing blows every few seconds of the three rounds.

From poor circumstances, he was abandoned by his parents, brought up by his sisters and, like most township boys, was an occasional footballer until he was 13. One day, he wandered into the boxing hall at school, lost a casual sparring encounter, but was so taken with the sport that he switched from football and won his first 11 contests. His only defeat since becoming national champion was in Zambia last year.

Makepula is one of six fighters — three black, three white — in a sponsored programme using the Commonwealth Games as a stepping stone to Atlanta under the guidance of the chief coach and national federation chairman, Vernon Phakathi. South Africa's rigid selection-on-merit principle is strongly defended by Phakathi, even though currently still favouring whites.

"It's the only way," he said. "Tokenism [in black selection] is useless, particularly to the boxers themselves, who could be out of their depth and swamped."

The boxers are transparently united. "Now everybody's got a chance," Stephen Carr, a white light-welterweight, said. "The sponsorship will increase our international experience, which is what we most need — to learn."

Makepula thinks of Atlanta, not colour: "Under Mandela, we are one people, we forget about the past."

The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) is worried about the future: what level of team should be sent to Kuala Lumpur in 1998, when a full scale tournament is to be staged under the direction of His Royal Highness, Tunku Imran, an ever-smiling member of the royal family and fanatical member of MCC. Alan Smith, the TCCB chief executive, is concerned about having to pay the professionals, the counties about losing their players during the championship. Last week's general assembly was punctuated with shouts of "what about the women?" whose cricketers the Malaysians do not want. Gender-equity is becoming a feature of the Games.

The TCCB does have a problem. With countries such as Australia, Barbados, India and South Africa likely to send strong teams, England cannot afford further indignities. On the other hand, a Commonwealth team would be an excellent sounding board for developing younger players.

The Isle of Man, meanwhile, are leaping up and down in protest about the inclusion of team games from which small Commonwealth entities such as they will necessarily be excluded. They should keep quiet and count themselves lucky that they have the opportunity to take part in a major international event. Unless these Games introduce team sports — netball, cricket and rugby in Kuala Lumpur — to attract television and sponsorship, there will be no future Games and the Isle of Man's sporting reputation will remain confined to being the place where motor-cyclists wantonly kill themselves.

Roy da Silva, the president of Sri Lanka's Commonwealth Association, is worried about the present. Three athletes likely to win medals in October's Asian Games at Hiroshima — Thilakaratne (400 metres, 46.2sec), Dharsha (women's 100 metres, 11.2), Kulawansa (women's hurdles) — have been barred from Victoria by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) because Sri Lanka's athletics federation is suspended by a judge on account of an injunction between two rival candidates for the federation's presidency.

An appeal to the IAAF office in Monte Carlo by Charles Mukora, vice president of the Games federation and a council member of the IAAF, received no reply. The ban overshadowed Sri Lanka's first gold medal for 40 years on Saturday by their women's ten-metre air rifle pair, Ramanayake and Wickramasinghe, who edged out Morton and Minett, of England, on the last round.

Strain shows as Pickering misses out on second gold

FROM CRAIG LORD IN VICTORIA

KAREN Pickering's hopes of adding the 200 metres freestyle gold medal to the 100 metres gold that she won on Friday were ended by the formidable team of Australian swimmers here yesterday.

At least Pickering, who finished with bronze, ended a demanding schedule in better shape than Curtis Myden, of Canada, who left the Saanich pool on a stretcher after losing a thrilling race for the 400 metres individual medley.

Both hoped to stamp their authority on events at which they became world short-course champions last December. But the mighty medal machine of the "Thunder from Down Under" squad rolled on relentlessly to claim nine titles from a possible ten so far.

Pickering's defeat, by two Australians, in the 200 metres



Gillingham: won silver on Friday, going for gold today

freestyle highlighted the difference between being a tower of strength and a team of strength. Her victory in the 100 metres was followed by a magnificent, but draining, effort for England in the 4 x 200 metres relay.

But while Pickering, 22, from Ipswich, laboured hard in a first-day session that overran by an hour and saw her further delayed by a drugs test, Susan O'Neill finished fourth in the 100 metres and was given an easy passage to victory in the relay by her Australian team-mates.

The contrast between the two women was plain as they turned together at the 150-metre mark of the individual 200 metres. On any other day, Pickering would have moved up a gear and floated past O'Neill, as she did at the world championships. But the wall came soon enough for O'Neill, 21, to win in 2min 00.86sec, with Nicole Stevenson's tremendous burst over the last 20 metres enough to edge Pickering out of second place.

Stevenson, 23, from Melbourne, is a backstroke specialist who has taken up freestyle in the past year. The man responsible for her change of style is Gennadi Touretski, the Russian coach of Aleksandr Popov, who became Olympic champion and world record-holder at 100 metres freestyle after switching from backstroke.

Pickering said: "It has been a bit of a two-day roller-coaster. I really gave my all in that team. To get out of here at 11.30pm and get back at 6.30am for the heats was tough. At the 150-metre mark I didn't have the same kick and power I usually have."

Her coach, Dave Champion, emphasised that Pickering will not race in the team event at the world long-course championships at Rome in two weeks' time. "She's a bit angry, a bit upset. The timing of things here just didn't fall. We rest, we go home, we go to Rome. It's not over yet."

England collected another bronze medal, in the 4 x 200 metres freestyle, behind Australia and New Zealand, though it came courtesy of Myden's collapse after accepting his silver medal for the 400 metres medley, which forced Canada to fill its relay with a much slower reserve.

Myden, 20, swam a brave but costly race. His lead over Matthew Dunn, of Australia, was 3.4sec at 300 metres. But not even the forest of maple leaf flags and the deafening cries of a partisan capacity crowd could stop Dunn storming past to win by 0.72sec.

Myden, supported by paramedics, accepted his medal, then insisted on standing unaided during the Australian national anthem. The Canadian, suffering from mental and physical exhaustion, was then lifted on to a stretcher and fitted with an oxygen mask for his unceremonious exit.

Samantha Riley defeated Rebecca Brown, her Australian team-mate and the world record-holder, in the 200 metres breaststroke. Her time of 2min 25.53sec was the third fastest ever.

Nick Gillingham was optimistic of victory in the 200 metres breaststroke today after losing out narrowly to Philip Rogers, of Australia, in the 100 metres breaststroke on Friday.

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MIKE BLAKE



England's women gymnasts, who took the team gold medal, acknowledge the applause of the crowd in Victoria. The quartet, from left, are: Annika Reeder, Karin Szymko, Zita Lisack and Jacqueline Brady. Their victory, the highlight of which was a spectacular floor display by Reeder, at 14 the youngest member of the entire team, offset the disappointment suffered by the men's team. The men were leading with two disciplines remaining when an injury to Paul Bowler left them having to settle for bronze behind Canada and Australia. Their misfortune has made Neil Thomas, twice the world championship runner-up, doubly determined to win the overall individual title and as many apparatus titles as he can. "I'm gutted," Thomas said, with emotion if without originality, after Bowler had collapsed with a groin strain near the end of a hitherto faultless floor exercise. "Now I am really fired up for the individual events." Thomas led the individual (non-medal) rankings in the team event by one point from Brennan Dowrick, of Australia, and was top in three of the six disciplines. England had top marks on the vault from their team of Thomas, Bowler, Lee McDermott and Robert Barber, and had come second to Australia on the parallel bars and to Canada on the high bar. They threatened to increase their lead when it came to the floor exercises and Thomas, the defending individual champion in this discipline, gave an impressive display for a mark of 9.500. Bowler briefly looked set to emulate him. England still finished top on this exercise, but then crumpled on the horse and rings in spite of McDermott taking second highest points on rings. England's women were second after the first apparatus, the beam, but then took the lead with their floor exercises, which included Reeder's superlative performance, that earned a mark of 9.750. They came to the final discipline, the asymmetric bars, needing an average of 9.25 — and got it.

Unbeaten England make sure of medal

FROM RICHARD EATON

ENGLAND became certain of a medal in the Commonwealth Games badminton championships when they scored their fifth win on Saturday, defeating Canada 4-1, to remain unbeaten and top of their group. It gave them a semi-final late yesterday against the much-improved Australia team, whose 4-1 victory over Scotland helped them to their first medal in the team event and only their second badminton medal of any kind at a Commonwealth Games.

England are the No 1 seeds and title-holders, but the opposition from several directions is stronger than ever before. The England manager, Ciro Ciniglio, was therefore pleased that Peter Knowles, who has been sharing the men's singles position with Anders Nielsen, provided a good start against Canada, with a crisply-taken 15-12, 15-8 win over Jaimie Dawson.

After making a breakthrough to become a useful international player the season before last, Knowles failed to consolidate last season and has been working hard to try to ensure that the forthcoming season — vital for his career — recreates the upward curve. Ciniglio, who only four months earlier had omitted Knowles for disciplinary reasons from the European championships, said: "I must give credit [to Knowles] where it is due."

Julie Bradbury, whose development is making her England's most effective women's doubles player at present, and her partner, Gill Clark, who seems to be on the way to a career total of 12 Commonwealth medals, then outplayed Doris Piché and Si-An Deng before the winning lead was completed in the men's doubles by the European champions, Simon Archer and Chris Hunt. Archer, who missed England's first three matches after twisting an ankle during practice, performed the job he was asked to do, but is not yet fully fit.

England had expected their 5-0 win in the morning over South Africa — playing badminton at the Games for the first time — to have guaranteed a medal, but simultaneously Canada, who have won the silver medal in all four previous team events, were losing 3-2 to the unseeded Hong Kong, creating all sorts of possible permutations in the final round of group matches.

Eventually, Hong Kong earned a semi-final with Malaysia, the No 2 seeds, whose survival may depend, as it did against the unlucky Scots, upon a close-run deciding match in the mixed doubles.

Britons line up for Canadian gold rush

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

FOR British athletes, these are the loadsamedals games. For every medal won by a British athlete at the European championships in Helsinki, four should be taken here. These are the games that play anthems for British shot putters.

The Commonwealth Games athletics is a B international championship these days, one in which athletes who could never aspire to Olympic, world or European championship honours can glimpse a medal. For example, Myrtle Augee and Paul Edwards, having failed to reach the final of their respective shot putt events at the European championships, are potential winners here. The only athlete likely to prevent Augee from keeping the title she won in Auckland in 1990 is another Englishwoman, the twice-retired 36-year-old, Judy Oakes.

Now that world championships are held every two years and the sport's labour force lives off the fat of the grand prix, the Commonwealth Games have become, for the Kenyans especially, a dispensible option. None of Kenya's 13 medal-winners from the 1992 Olympics or 1993 world championships is competing and neither is William Sigei, who set a 10,000 metres world record a month ago.

Their leading runners were in Cologne yesterday for the grand prix there. Thus the country most likely to have finished second to England in the athletics medals table is bringing a team of mainly untried seniors and exciting juniors. Their juniors, though, may pack a punch. Philip Mosima (in the 5,000 metres), Daniel Komen (10,000 metres), Jelagat Cheruiyot (3,000 metres) and Sally Barsosio are teenagers and potential winners.

Merlene Ottey, the 100 and 200 metres champion from Jamaica, is not defending her titles. She has been devoting her energies to grand prix appearances in Zurich and Brussels in the past five days. Neither of the Commonwealth's fastest male 400 metres hurdlers — Samuel Matete, from Zambia, and Winthrop Graham, from Jamaica — is leaving Europe to be here.

In contrast, the best British athlete in every event except the marathon (Richard Nerurkar) and steeplechase (Mark Rowland) is here. That means the presence of Britain's five individual event European champions — Linford Christie (100 metres), Du'aine Ladejo (400 metres), Colin Jackson (110 metres hurdles), Steve Backley (javelin) and Sally Gunnell (400 metres hurdles). All but Jackson, who competes for Wales, will be wearing England vests.

Of the seven British individual event silver and bronze medal-winners from Helsinki, only Roger Black, the 400 metres runner-up, is missing. He did not return to running until January after six months out with the Epstein-Barr virus and is anxious to ensure that he does not suffer a relapse by demanding too much of himself.

Rob Denmark (5,000 metres), Steve Smith (high jump), and Kelly Holmes (1,500 metres) are Helsinki medal-winners seeking to go one better for England here. Tony Jarrett (110 metres hurdles) and Phylis Smith (400 metres) will be looking to improve on their Helsinki bronze medals.

All are competing in the events in which they won their medals in Finland. There is one exception, though, in Yvonne Murray, who is making her debut at 10,000 metres. If Murray, who was second in the 3,000 metres at the European championships, can carry her form over shorter distances this season for an additional four miles or so, she should spoil South Africa's hopes of celebrating, through Elana Meyer, a women's champion in their first Commonwealth Games since their isolation. Murray would then succeed her fellow Scot, Liz McColgan.

Christie begins the defence of his 100 metres title today and, on form, is as certain to win as we are to wake up tomorrow to see in the distance the Olympic Mountains. Davidson Ezinwa, the fastest man in the Commonwealth this season, with the 9.94sec he recorded to beat Christie in Linz, has not been selected after missing Nigeria's trials. However, Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, runner-up to Christie in the Barcelona Olympics, has arrived, though he had threatened not to come.

In 1858, about 27,000 men left California and arrived in Victoria on their way to the Cariboo gold rush. For today's British athletes, there is no gold rush quite like the Commonwealth Games.

TODAY

All times BST

18.35: Heptathlon 100m hurdles
19.15: Heptathlon high jump
19.35: Women's 400m heats
20.05: Men's 400m heats
20.55: 110m hurdles heats
22.00: Heptathlon shot put
22.15: Men's 100m heats
22.40: Hammer final
23.05: Women's 400m semi-finals
23.25: Men's 400m second round
23.45: Heptathlon 200m
00.00: Men's high jump qualifying
00.05: Women's 100m heats
00.30 Men's 100m heats
01.35: Women's 3,000m heats
02.05: Men's 5,000m heats

Wigan resume normal service

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

DURING the first half, a pall of black smoke hung over Post Office Road, after which Wigan led 26-6. Its dispersal coincided with a revival by Featherstone Rovers that briefly shook, but failed to stir, the champions, who started a new rugby league season yesterday where they left off.

There was the odd cobweb, certainly, but nothing that you could pinpoint as a chink in Wigan's armour. Indeed, they set off at a stunning canter, scoring five tries in the space of 17 minutes, before Featherstone regained their senses and began to make a contest of it. With Graeme West, a favourite son at Central Park, at the coaching helm, Wigan's hunger for success has been invigorated. No side could have coped with the way they attacked Featherstone from the outset, the inspiration coming immediately to the hands at half-back of Botica and Edwards, who was involved in five of the seven tries.

Featherstone have real pretentions to a top-eight place in the Stones Bitter Championship and invested imaginatively over the close season in Aston, at scrum half, and Divet, in the pack. They have their sights set on Bradley Clyde and Martin Bella, two Australian internationals, but no amount of expensive recruitment could have countered the silky and, at times, seamless teamwork that Wigan produced. There was a joyous disregard for convention. Outrageous passes stuck to hand and Featherstone were clattered like ninepins.

Botica, who contributed 20 points, including six of eight goal attempts, was ideally placed to pounce on an awkward bouncing kick by Edwards that took a turn of Shane Warne proportions to bamboozle Gibson.

At 31, Botica is quickening rather than slowing up. He turned smartly to make room for Skerrett to rumble in and received a flicked pass in the tackle from Farrell to collect his second try.

In between, Edwards sent a long, flat scoring pass to Atcheson, who was the instigator of a splendid five-man move the length of the field involving Botica. Offiah twice and Robinson, who scampered inside for a try of distinction.

After spending a year on the sidelines after a pre-season knee injury last August, Andy Currier, a club record £150,000 signing by Featherstone from Widnes, knows the true meaning of frustration. He eluded three tackles for a try that the home side immediately added to in the second half, when Butt's jinking run took him past several defenders and the referee, who blocked his path.

Currier and Calland clawed back some of the deficit with further tries. Pearson landed four goals, the two Botica penalties and a late flourish, with Betts scoring, ensured that Featherstone were kept at a safe distance.

FEATHERSTONE ROVERS: G Gibson; F Barquet, A Currier, M Calland, I Butt; M Pearson, M Aston; S Mackay (sub: Casey, 54min); J Southernwood (sub: N Rowbotham, 57); L Dixon (sub: G S Price, 26, sub: Mackay, 66); D Divet; G H Price, P Fluita.
WIGAN: P Atcheson, J Robinson, M Hagan; J Olsson, M Offiah, P Bibbey; S Edwards; A Skerrett; M Hall (sub: N Radlinski, 65); M Dowd (sub: S McDermott, 29); J Betts, M Gidley, A Farrell.
Referee: S Cummins

Great Britain likely to lose Reilly

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE timing could not have been worse. Five weeks before Australia arrive for perhaps the most momentous tour in this country's rugby league history, Great Britain are having to face up to the prospect of life without Malcolm Reilly, coach of the national side since 1987.

Reilly, also the coach of Halifax, will give his formal decision today on an offer to coach Newcastle Knights in Australia next season. Should he take up the post, he has indicated a wish to continue as Great Britain coach for the three-match series against Australia, but the Rugby Football League (RFL) might not sanction that, especially with the centenary World Cup in this country next year.

Another complication is that Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, has said he does not want international players who have moved to Winfield Cup sides, such as Andy Platt and Mike Ford, included by Britain. It would hardly seem reasonable to apply one rule to players and another to coaches.

There is hardly a glut of natural successors to Reilly, who would take up his new appointment at the end of the year. As a former national coaching director, who worked alongside Reilly in the Britain set-up, Phil Larder, at Keighley, is an obvious choice. John Joyner was coach of the year last season after a highly successful first year in charge of Castleford, but both he and Eliery Hanley, at Leeds, are probably viewed as long-term candidates.

The alternative is to look overseas for the first time, as English clubs have done for some years, which partly explains the shortage of potential home-grown candidates. Graham Lowe, the New Zealander who coached Wigan for three years until 1989, has both the experience and inside knowledge. Neither does he have any contractual obligations.

Considering the impact Reilly has made, closing the chasm on Australia and beating them on three occasions, his successor faces a daunting task. With the first of three internationals against Australia at Wembley on October 22, time is the biggest pressure.

Yesterday, the opening day of the Stones Bitter Championship season, Reilly saw Halifax beat Oldham 40-20 in what could prove to be his last match in charge, but it was Doncaster, playing in the first division for the first time in their 43-year history, who produced the outstanding performance of the afternoon, beating St Helens 29-20.

Doncaster, 2,000-1 to win the title, established an 18-4 lead by half-time with the help of two tries by Jamie Bloem, their South African full back. Bobby Goulding, St Helens' summer signing, inspired a second-half revival by creating tries for Loughlin and Hunte, but a try by the Doncaster centre, Audley Pennant, in the 55th minute, effectively settled the match.

Warrington, who finished level on points with Wigan last season, had to settle for a 16-16 draw at Hull, where Jonathan Davies, the Wales and Great Britain international, put over a second-half penalty goal from two yards inside his own half.

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Shakespeare belongs next to the Bible on every bookshelf, but which edition is best?



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Handel oratorio danced; Chabrier opera revived; and Giulini in glorious form

Mirth gets the better of Milton

DANCE: **John Percival** enjoys the British premiere of Mark Morris's *L'Allegro*; plus Miami City Ballet



TOM KIDD

L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato, performed in Edinburgh: one of Mark Morris's most striking dances, it is the 20th-century equivalent of an 18th-century masque

I suppose it would be invidious to have surtitles for a dance work. But with probably not more than 25 per cent of the words intelligible, Mark Morris's *L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato* was at some disadvantage in its British premiere on Saturday in the Festival Theatre. This mattered all the more because the production is Morris's visual interpretation of an oratorio by Handel based on two poems by Milton, and most of the action, like the music, derives directly from the words of the oratorio.

Sometimes a single phrase in a solo or chorus gives a clue. The words "populous cities," coming after long passages where the dancers have been imitating a pastoral theme with trees and animals, are enough to explain a change to a more agitated grouping. Contrariwise, the sight of a dancer (Kraig Patterson, I think) moving his head like a bird can put us on the alert for key words like "lark" or "Philomel".

> "What we have here is an immensely artificial melange on 18th-century themes"

But, having carefully reread the text, I still have no idea what sparked Morris off to one of his most capriciously attractive and striking dances, in which men skip formally round in couples, between bouts of whacking or embracing one another. And I think you probably need to know your Milton in advance to recognise the three graces (all of them busy appropriating their putative father's crown).

What we have here, you will gather, is an immensely artificial melange. The two 17th-century poems it starts with were early, minor Milton: exercises in classical tradition, companion pieces contrasting the pleasures (or follies) of a jolly, extrovert life or a serious contemplative one.

Handel's music elaborates these into a Baroque extravaganza in which the two attitudes are heard alternately, contradicting each other. His librettist, Charles Jennens, added a third, middle-of-the-road "character", mostly — and rightly — banished by Morris, who has also rearranged things to let his own inclination to mirth predominate finally over Milton's leaning towards seriousness.

That does not stop Morris from being fair to both sides. His best dancer, Guillermo Resto, for instance, has an early melancholic solo as well as a notable copulative duet — which is not, perhaps, necessarily indicated in Milton's text any more than is the incident of a dog peeing against a bush. Resto — nowadays large of girth, dreadlock-haired and black-bearded like an Assyrian lion — is the most extreme example of Morris's preference for real-looking people who dance rather than obvious "dancer-types".

So the large on-stage cast is a motley collection of varied size, shape and colour, but united in the clarity with which it presents Morris's patterns, from solemn processions to rustic romps, from representational action (such as a harvesting dance) to abstract circlings that suggest both folk dance and magic ceremonies.

The choreography, based mostly on the simplest of movement, follows Handel's patterns with much cunning repetition and some equally cunning surprises (for example, a group of men partnering women who for once have failed to arrive). Visually it is handsome, even if the panels of Adrianne Lobel's set design fidget up and down with tiresome frequency to provide a different colour and area for each section.

Gareth Jones conducted the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, the Schola Cantorum and five solo singers in an account of the music that was satisfactory apart from those lost words. Interesting to hear this rarely played score; interesting to see Morris devise a 20th-century equivalent of an 18th-century masque; but not, I thought, ever overcoming the artificiality of the original texts.

It was rewarding, too, to watch Morris's work immediately after the **Miami City Ballet**'s second Balanchine programme at the Playhouse: showing that if Morris is a big fish among today's choreographers, he is swimming in a pool that is smaller than it used to be. But thank heaven that America treasures its heritage from the departed creative giants better than Britain does.

What a joy to be able to see on one programme two such contrasted masterworks as *Serenade* and *Four Temperaments*. The lyricism of the one, the expressively inverted classicism of the other, their revelation of music by Tchaikovsky and Hindemith, their demonstration of what the human body can achieve in eloquent movement, are masterly and enduringly rewarding. Could anyone envisage watching Morris's *L'Allegro* as often as these works with such continuing satisfaction?

But the Miami programme contains another, much lighter work, a company premiere: *Western Symphony*. Would this example of Balanchine's jokey Americana be a let-down? No, because he (like Morris) relished the diversity of human pleasures. Hershy Kay's arrangement of familiar western tunes into quasi-symphonic form is no musical masterpiece, but a bit of good fun all the same, and Balanchine applied the same craft to it as to more serious ventures.

Cowboy or saloon girl costumes and a background of the Rockies provide a flavour which the choreography reinforces, with little character touches built into a bustle of vigorous, lively displays. Especially rewarding performances from Marin Boieru as the man whose dream-girl (a sylph of the prairies) proves only a dream, and from Marjorie Hardwick and Douglas Gawriljuk slyly leading the finale. But the whole company danced with will: tremendous fun, in which the RSNO and conductor Akira Endo enthusiastically joined. Scottish-Power and Hertz made these two programmes possible.

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

MUSIC: Gallic genius celebrated in concert and cabaret; young players explore Brahms with a veteran maestro

Wicked ways are winning

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Chabrier: impractical, uncompromising and brilliant

At first sight it might seem perverse to pair Beethoven and Chabrier as composers of the year at Edinburgh, but they have more in common than not. Both wrote music decades ahead of its time, both were gloriously impractical, both declined to obey any known set of rules. We know Beethoven was a genius but so, in his chaotic, uncompromising and Gallicly wicked way, was Chabrier.

His wickedness was well to the fore in the Usher Hall concert given by the **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** under Jean Yves Ossonce. Half the pleasure of the first part lay in sitting among a couthie Edinburgh audience who listened first to *Espańa*, one of the funniest pieces of music ever written, and then to *La Sulamite*, a *scène lyrique* of blatant eroticism that makes *Tristan* sound like warmed-up blancmange, with the po-faced solemnity you would think they might reserve for one of the more elevating Bruckner symphonies.

But the second part, a concert performance of the incomplete *Briséis*, came near to rousing polite Edinburghers to pagan frenzy. Wickedness again, I fear: the opera is wildly, not to say Wildely, anti-Christian, very much after the traditional fin-de-siècle manner. All that was left at the composer's death in 1894 was the first act, but even that is almost too much.

Wagner has already been cited, allegedly a major influence on Chabrier, who worshipped his music. But Chabrier's chromaticism is let right off the leash, his harmonic progressions are wayward beyond Wagner's wildest dreams, and his sumptuous instrumentation points not just to Ravel, but to Szymanowski and beyond. His melodies are blessedly un-Wagnerian: they are the composer's very own (with the odd hint from Massenet).

The action of *Briséis*, some way after Goethe's ballad *The Bride of Corinth*, opens with a chorus of sailors. One of them — Hylas, tenor — is courting Briséis (soprano). But Briséis's mother has become a Christian — we are in the first century AD — and, on the point of death, has struck a bargain with the local Catechist (baritone), a cross between Massenet's Athanaël and Strauss's Jokanaan: if Briséis becomes an anchorite nun, mother will be cured.

The sailors' chorus is glorious stuff — and only this composer would have included soprano sailors among them. There is a sensuousness to the lovers' music remarkable even for Chabrier. The grandest music is a chorus in praise of Apollo, and it is very grand indeed, sounding like four Wagner operas crammed into as many minutes. By contrast, mother and catechist have to be content with plainchant and what sounds suspiciously like a Salvation Army march. There is no doubt as to whose side Chabrier is on.

Only one problem: *Briséis* is 80 minutes of virtually non-stop ecstasy, and if it is as exhausting as this to listen to, heaven knows what it is like for the singers. All praise, then, to the cast, especially to Mark Padmore (Hylas), to Joan Rodgers (Briséis), coming as near to Sieglinde as she ever will, to Kathryn Harries as her mother, and to Simon Keenlyside, splendidly dotty as the Catechist. The BBC Scottish players went at it hammer and tongs, and Ossonce kept everything more or less within the bounds of discipline and decency.

After such dangerous delights, it was a relief to come down to earth at the Lyceum for Gerald Larner's **"Chabrier Cabaret"**, a 70-minute autobiographical sketch delivered with great charm by Dennis Quilley and interspersed with musical numbers. This was the lighter side of Chabrier, with Linda Kitchen and Philip Salmon bringing the house down with the duet for Usherette and Salesman, and the Thunderstorm duo from *Une Education manquée*. A comic genius, an operatic genius — what pleasure to celebrate him!

RODNEY MILNES

Ageless appeal

ECYO/Giulini
Usher Hall

THE first time Carlo Maria Giulini conducted in Britain was at the Edinburgh Festival. But he has been absent for 16 years, so his return on Friday night, 24 hours before he brought the same programme to the Proms, was warmly hailed before his musicians had played a note. By the time they had worked their way through two Brahms symphonies, the applause went on longer into the night than I was able to stay to witness.

Something special happens when Giulini works with a band as young as the European Community Youth Orchestra. If young men see visions and old men dream dreams, then this fusion of energies was never more excitingly apparent than in this performance of Brahms's Fourth Symphony by some 120 players aged between 14 and 23 under their 80-year-old maestro.

With the long-meditated wisdom of age, Giulini shaped the great span of the opening theme by drawing a subtly different tone of voice from each arc of an interval, a shifting nuance of expression from every motif. And when it was time for those arcs to be contracted into vertical chords there was, for once, no hint of the portentous. Rather, the youthful speed of response and immediacy of tone made them keen and bright, lighting the way towards an audaciously virtuoso timpani coda.

The two elements were an organic part of the second movement, with its lean Phrygian-mode woodwind writing and its great second song, gently and warmly unfolded through the welcoming acoustic of the Usher Hall. Giulini's great achievement, though, was in the Passacaglia finale: 30 variations, each with its own unique contour, yet one mighty idea, building inexorably from its first breath to its last.

So far, no mention of tempos: and any review of Giulini would surely be incomplete without that. The fact is that the question, for once, never crossed my mind. In retrospect, the opening of the Second Symphony was indeed slow, the Adagio scarcely non troppo. Yet, at the time, it seemed the only possible way in the world. I remember, too, in this great bass-rich groundswell which was the symphony as a whole, a moment or two of slightly slithery wind chording, as if the eager vision was, fleetingly, not quite at one with the dream.

But the gentle intermezzo of the third movement put the woodwind on their mettle — and a formidable ensemble they are. Their pastoral serenade folded easefully into the opening of the finale, the chiming descents of its scale passages ringing out as if to set the seal on the first part of the orchestra's summer tour and herald its final concerts in Germany and Holland.

HILARY FINCH

TELEVISION REVIEW

Famous goals and fatal shots

Fabulous, superb, incredible, unbelievable. In the middle of August each year the BBC's Head of Superlatives distributes winter rations to assorted football commentators and they are sent forth to the playing fields of England for nine months.

Unfortunately the present football season began in earnest on Saturday, the very day when cricket produced, from the fast bowler Devon Malcolm, a performance that was fabulous, superb, incredible and unbelievable. The cricket commentators simply refused to hand back their superlatives in time for the football season.

Thus it was that the thirtieth year of the BBC1's **Match of the Day** began with a distinct superlative shortage. Not only were the aforementioned quartet in short supply, but other curious forms of the language also seemed to have gone AWOL.

There were hardly any of those famous sentences that are devoid of verbs and adjectives and adverbs and instead consist solely of proper names and a statistic: "Ince! Giggs! Hughes! 1-0!" And standard clichés of yesteryear were hardly brought into play. There was only one "what a goal!" and only one "glimmer of hope". What on earth has gone wrong?

The truth is that modern football commentary has improved out of all recognition since dear old Kenneth Wolstenholme introduced the first (black and white) *Match of the Day* 30 years ago. I sat down with a notebook on Saturday night, ready to record the uses of the word "unbelievable". There were none. Risible football commentary now mostly exists in the impersonations of Rory Bremner and the columns of *Private Eye*, whose "Colemanballs" slot quotes mostly from inane sports interviews rather than the works of John Motson et al.

The anniversary programme had some, er, fabulous football and only failed when it tried to celebrate its own birthday with a sequence of archive footage now so familiar as to be tedious. Football is an existentialist game, a thing of the moment which simply looks foolish when it tries for historical context. You're only as good as your last game, Brian.

Historical context had a more legitimate claim with another Saturday night anniversary offering, a repeat of the notorious Thames Television documentary **Death on the Rock**, which was shown as part of BBC 2's series marking 25 years of conflict in Ulster.

The film concerned the 1988 killing by the Special Air Service of three IRA terrorists in Gibraltar and Margaret Thatcher's fury at Thames is widely regarded as being behind the company's loss of the London ITV licence in the last franchise round.

Whatever the truth of that, the film claimed that the terrorists were killed without being challenged, thus undermining government denials of a shoot-to-kill policy. It is questionable whether many British people give a damn for the human rights of murderers, yet the issues raised in the film rumble on. We are still awaiting a ruling from the European Court, to which a complaint about the shootings from the families of the victims has been referred by the European Commission on Human Rights.

So *Death on the Rock* is no mere archive curiosity, though it is hard to believe now that it raised such a furore. At this distance it looks more like a decent reporting job, with the flaws common to anything that relies on eyewitness accounts.

The question, for instance, of whether a man who throws up his hands is trying to surrender or making an involuntary response to being shot in the chest is in the insoluble realms of a classic conundrum. Is he drowning or waving? In this case, we will never know for sure.

PETER BARNARD

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BONNARD AT LE BOSQUET This is your last week to view a remarkable show of works considered to be some of Bonnard's best, painted at his villa in the Côte d'Azur. Dazzling landscapes and intimate interiors — some 60 paintings, watercolours and drawings in all, including the *The Red Dress* and *Nude in the Bathtub*. Take a tour too, of the exceptional accompanying exhibition, The Edge and the Everyday, photographs from Europe and America" **Hayward Gallery**, South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-928 8800). Daily, 10am-6pm, late nights Tue and Wed to 8pm. Until Aug 28 (S)

BBC HENRY WOOD PROMS David Atherton conducts the BBC National Orchestra of Wales tonight for his 26th consecutive season. The mixed programme includes Walton, Tavener, Britten, Mussorgsky, Lyadov and Shostakovich. **Albert Hall**, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight 7.30pm (S)

HELL AND OTHER TALES George Dillon delivers a triple bill of Burnside monologues: *Hell, Say a Prayer for Me* and the premiere of *The Secret of Lindisfarne*, an actor's view of life. **Gate**, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm until Sept 3

☐ **LE CID** Corneille's drama of honour and revenge, finely staged by Jonathan Kent. Excellent playing by Duncan Bell and Susan Lynch. Ranjit Bolt deftly translates. **National** (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat Tue, 2.30pm (S)

☐ **THE CRYPTOGRAM** Lindsay Duncan and Eddie Izzard in Mamet's play about cryptic adult relationships, tantalising but it is really a studio play. **Ambassadors**, West Street, W1 (071-836 1171). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

☐ **GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS** James Belushi and Ron Cook head the cast in Mamet's blistering account of the cut-throat world of Florida real-estate salesmen. Sam Mendes' directs. **Drammer Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1160). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, mat Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Final week (S)

☐ **JUGGLE AND HYDE** The Flying Karamazov Brothers defy probability with their truly astounding feats. They're funny too. **Criterion**, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 5488). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Sept 3 (S)

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN** Another extravagantly set-dominated Wilde from Philip Prowse. Fine acting from Francesca Annis's mother with a past but otherwise a frail evening. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm

☐ **THE MIRACLE WORKER** Jenny Seagrove and Catherine Holman as teacher and blind, deaf pupil in a touching, unmawkish production of this decent play.

MACHYNLLETH This mid-Wales market town hosts its own late summer **Music Festival** with an exciting list of artists to its credit. Concert-goers can choose between the Medea Quartet with works by Shostakovich and Beethoven, the teams of violinist Tasmin Little and pianist Martin Roscoe and/or soprano Joan Rodgers, baritone Gerald Finley and pianist Julius Drake, clarinettist Emma Johnson. The last two days feature a light-hearted programme from pianist Joshua Rifkin in his only UK solo performance this year and the Academy of St Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble. **Box Office** (0654 703355). Concerts in the converted chapel; until Aug 28

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican Who's Looking at the Family? (071-638 4141) . **British Museum**, Modern Japanese Prints: 1912-1989 (071-636 1555) **Courtauld** French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings (071-873 2526) **National Gallery** Friedrich to Hodler: A Romantic Tradition (071-389 1785) **National Portrait Gallery** Master Drawings from the NPG (071-306 0055) **Royal Academy** The Belgian Avant-Garde: 1880-1900 (071-439 7438) . . **Serpentine**, Helen Chadwick (071-402 6075) . . **Tate**, Turner's Holland (071-887 8000) . . **V&A**, Pugin, Gothic Passion (938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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☐ Seats at all prices

Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 8.15pm. Wed, 3pm from Aug 3. Sat, 5pm.

■ **MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL** T S Eliot's attempt to enter the feelings of the archbishop murdering knights and anxious women of Canterbury. Michael Feast plays Becket with a contemporary edge. **Pit**, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow 7.15pm (S)

☐ **900 ONEONTA** David Beard's lyrical, lived, fifty-longued Gothic Southern drama — half for real, half spoof — earns a deserved transfer to prime house. The first of the West End Producers' Alliance shows. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat, 4pm (S)

☐ **ST JOAN** Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion, if you can overlook the scenic ado. Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor. **Strand**, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Lynda Bellingham star in Wendy Wasserstein's Broadway hit. A tears 'n' laughter drama, distantly inspired by Chekhov. The American Jewish quips mean a lot less over here. **Greenwich**, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until Sept 10 (S)

☐ **THE WINSLOW BOY** Peter Barkworth, Simon Williams, Nyree Dawn Porter and Eve Matheson in Rattigan's over-popular drama of a man's fight to prove his son's innocence when the Royal Naval College expels him for theft. Wyn Jones directs. **Globe**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Now previewing, 8pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**, Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . ☐ **Buddy** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ☐ **The Canterbury Tales** Garrick (071-494 5040) . . ◪ **Cats** New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Copacabana** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You**, Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . ◪ **Dead Funny** Vaudeville (071-836 9987) ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5045) ◪ **Grease** Dominion (071-416 6060) ☐ **An Inspector Calls**, Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . ◪ **Les Misérables** Palace (071-434 0909) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ◪ **Rocky Horror Show** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . ☐ **She Loves Me** Savoy (071-836 8888) . . ☐ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**, Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . ☐ **Woman in Black** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

HIGHWAY PATROLMAN (15) The disintegrating life of a Mexican patrolman. Absorbing, disciplined B-movie yarn from Alex Cox, with Roberto Sosa. **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG) Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey, filled with the antic spirit of 1940s cartoons. Director, Charles Russell. **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031); **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

PUBLIC ACCESS: Charismatic stranger proves secrets from a sleepy small town. Thin but intriguing American independent film from new director Bryan J. Singer, with Ron Marquette. **NFT** (071-928 3232)

CURRENT

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG) Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dabney Coleman. Director, Penelope Spheeris. **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

◆ **BEVERLY HILLS COP III** (15): Eddie Murphy's maverick cop returns in a tiresomely contrived adventure. With Judge Reinhold and Hector Elizondo. Director, John Landis. **Empire** (0990 868911). **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U) Hollow family-comedy treatment of the TV cartoon, set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman, Rosie O'Donnell, Elizabeth Perkins. **Empire** (0990 868911). **MGMs:** Fulham Rd (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Ave** (071-836 6279) **Minerva** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914099) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE GETAWAY (18). Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as thieves on the run. Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller, director Roger Donaldson. **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18). Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and $700,000, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. **Barbican** (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MAVERICK** (PG) Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and James Garner. Director, Richard Donner. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

NECRONOMICON (18). Clumsy horror compendium inspired by H P Lovecraft's stories, complete with sundry creatures from the depths. **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

◆ **SIRENS** (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan. **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (U). You are never too old to enjoy the world's first feature-length cartoon, in a sparkling restored print. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (792 3332)

◆ **TRUE LIES** (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with James Lee Curtis. **Empire** (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT (PG). An agony bachelor and a charming dwarf join forces in Mara Luisa Bomberg's magical Argentine fable. With Marcello Mastroianni. **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

WILD TARGET (15). Featherweight French comedy, with Jean Rochefort as a meticulous hitman unhinged by love. **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Tottenham Court Rd** (071-636 6148)

THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** on a revived curiosity — Vanbrugh revamped by Colley Cibber

Changes not as good as the rest

The Provoked Husband
New End

MARILYN KINGWILL



Jane Backlog and Julian Harries in *The Provoked Husband*, this year's Restoration comedy at the New End

SIR John Vanbrugh had reached the fourth act of a comedy he called *A Journey to London* and brought his characters together into a tremendous quarrel about staying up all hours to lose money at cards. He went off to build a house somewhere, Blenheim Palace, perhaps, and resumed neither the quarrel nor the play.

To make a sad tale worse, after Vanbrugh's death the manuscript reached Colley Cibber who decided to finish it, rather in the manner of one who takes an almost completely roasted joint, chops it into chunks and boils it in a white sauce.

Cibber was a hard-working chap. His earliest play inspired Vanbrugh to write *The Relapse* in which he created the role of Lord Foppington. He managed Drury Lane for years and revised *Richard III*, adding the immortal phrase "Off with his head — so much for Buckingham." "Perish the thought," is another saying he put into the play, and in his sentimentalised rewrite of *A Journey to London*, which he renamed, with a nod to Vanbrugh's *The Provoked Wife*, he makes the doltish young squire memorably exclaim, after kissing a girl, "As soft and warm as a marrow-pudding!"

But in fitting the plot to the temper of the age he makes the virtuous characters appallingly noble and its principal heroine, a frantic gambler, unbelievably ready to reform.

Listing the changes would be interesting but inappropriate here. Enough to mention, in Cibber's favour, that he also gives the young squire, up to London with his father, a neatly phrased, countryman's impression of the sights, including the Monument, which he calls a "huge stone post". Neil McPherson adorns this sweet simpleton with a slack jaw, huge grin and endearing foolishness.

An awkward feature of the play, revived by Jon Harris for his theatre's annual Restoration comedy, is that almost everything interesting happens off stage and is then reported, usually by one character sitting still beside a second character who also sits still. There is a quarrel or two between the provoking wife (Shona Lindsay) and the furious Lord Townly, played by Charles Grant with insufficient regard for the dimensions of this small theatre. Lindsay prepares herself for the last-minute reformation by looking shrunken and afraid, enabling her impossible task to be managed as skilfully as one can expect.

Charles Armstrong's attractive voice prevents Manly from being too priggish; Edmund Kente and Maggie Bourgein give colour to the foolish MP and his card-mad lady. There is also an elegant set by Martina Hildebrandt of holly-green wallpaper above a panelled dado. But the language and development are too devitalised to make this revival other than a mild curiosity.

OPERA: Glyndebourne's Tchaikovsky comes to the Proms; and Britten is staged in a Kentish country estate

Passions transferred

Eugene Onegin
Albert Hall/Radio 3

GLYNDEBOURNE'S justly admired *Eugene Onegin* transferred almost without a hitch for its one night Proms stand. Just before the singers appeared there was a cry of "Welcome to Ikea night", presumably from a group of young homebuilders, directed at the stripped-pine table and chairs representing the Larin home on a raised platform behind the orchestra. This was the only breath of criticism for the semi-staged performance, expertly distilled by Caroline Sharman from Graham Vick's original production.

In Kensington as in Sussex the evening centres on the remarkable Tatyana of Elena Prokina. She begins as a young girl wrapped in the chrysalis of her romantic novels until, after a night of indecision, she decides to flap her butterfly wings at the handsome Onegin. She disdains to make this Letter Scene a soprano display aria, but instead turns it into a piece of self-searching.

By Act II, Tchaikovsky's butterfly has had her wings burnt with Onegin's rejection. At the party she is already a lonely figure, standing on the sidelines while Onegin and Lensky slug it out over Olga (a very lively Louise Winter). The way Prokina builds the character, often using the lightest of tones but always with a touch of melancholy, gives the final meeting with Onegin its full force. Tatyana is now in command. She may still be in love, but she is married and the social rules are not to be broken.

Wojciech Drabowicz's Onegin has grown considerably in vocal stature since the start at Glyndebourne. He has always looked and behaved like Onegin, sitting arrogantly cross-legged as he dismisses Tatyana's letter of love. But the baritone now carries true burnish, a worthy partner for Prokina.

Martin Thompson's Lensky phrased his pre-duel aria with skill. But his tenor is too spindly for the role. Lensky may not be a good poet, but he is young, romantic and impetuous. Thompson carries too much middle-aged caution.

The rest of the singing cast came intact from Glyndebourne, with Frode Olsen (Gremin) and Yvonne Minton (Mme Larina) outstanding. The principal dancers, Stephen Jeffries and Briony Brind, have dropped out on the way and the mock polonaise given to their substitutes was the one questionable aspect here. But the marvellously responsive playing of the London Philharmonic under Andrew Davis directed attention away from that.

JOHN HIGGINS

Cast supply the missing magic

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Broomhill

STEPHEN Langridge's black-leather production for Broomhill, the lovely little theatre at Sir David Salomons's estate in the quiet Kent countryside, treats Britten's opera as a contemporary dream with a Freudian flavour. That would be fine except that Shakespeare's story has more logic to it than dreams have.

Claudia Mayer's stage design seems for the most part half-hearted, though one understands that opera at Broomhill functions on a shoestring (and without much help, apparently, from local authorities). A huge piece of industrial piping juts suggestively out onto one side of the stage. Further back, balloons float none too mysteriously, on one side attached to the floor, on the other side hung from the rafters. A severely tilted dais with a trap door, through which Oberon springs in a jet of water, occupies the central backstage area.

That, apart from the fish tank which throughout the opera sprouts more and more flowers, and the images high back stage of three huge and hideously purple flowers illuminated one by one, is more or less it. Likewise, the scope of Charles Balfour's lighting is strictly limited.

Hard to get any sense of magic from all that, but this young international cast (one of two) succeeds in conveying most of the mystery, the play of darkness and lightness, tenderness and hardness, contained in the work.

Louise Walsh's Tytania shows off a lovely voice with a brilliant coloratura, while Daniel Gundlach's Oberon has a hard style of projection which I like. Jay Hunter Morris (Lysander), Riccardo Simonetti (Demetrius), Carole Irvine (Hermia) and Talitha Theobald (Helena) made a hugely enjoyable and dynamic quartet of lovers, while the rustics, dominated by Martin Nelson's shell-suited Bottom (more hideous purple), bumble wonderfully in their play within a play.

There was some nicely judged singing and acting, too, from the four young fairies, Toby Fraser, Nikola Abbi, Abigail Smith and Paul Desrosiers — cute but not saccharine. But as usual the show is stolen by the non-singer, Puck, here played the dancer David Toole. He makes light of his disability — his body stops at the midriff level — by bounding with his arms all over the stage and beyond like greased lightning, using his infectiously mischievous eyes to allure us further without mercy.

Charles Hazlewood, conducting, balances and paces Britten's effective reduced version of this lovely score intelligently, while his orchestra, EOS, plays well for him. The run continues in tandem with a production of Shakespeare's play until September 3.

STEPHEN PETTITT

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

Glyndebourne Festival Opera Final performances. **Peter Grimes** Tomorrow 5 Thurs at 5.30. Few Tickets available. **Don Giovanni** Wed at 5.30. Possible returns at short notice. **Box office/recorded information** 0273 813813

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With Shakespearean criticism now ever more arcane, **Stephen Logan** compares four of the most accessible editions of the Bard

Nothing if not critical

When the Collins *Complete Works* of Shakespeare was first published in 1951, a reviewer described it, according to the dustflap of this revised edition, as "a symbol in the history of our national culture". I suspect the critic may have been referring less to the Collins edition than to the *concept* of Shakespeare's complete works, as invoked along with "the Bible" every week on *Desert Island Discs*. Nonetheless, the remark has proved sagely accurate. For it is indeed possible to deduce many important aspects of contemporary culture from what Shakespeare's editors get up to.

Shakespeare is a sort of secular Bible. What has happened to him since Christianity went into decline is a strong bit of evidence in support of T.E. Hulme's doctrine of "spilled religion". Because most literary people nowadays cannot satisfy their religious impulses in standard Christian worship, they try elsewhere. And so the ferocity of interpretative debate that used to be focused on the Bible has, since about the turn of the century, been diverted onto Shakespeare's plays. The deification of Shakespeare is a direct historical consequence of the denigration of God.

To the relatively few people who now read him from choice, Shakespeare can hardly help seeming the archetypal incarnation of qualities regarded as distinctively "poetic": spontaneity, sensuousness, passion, gusto, unconventionality, and so on. Most of these qualities would not have appealed to Dr Johnson, whose Shakespeare criticism is more sharply judicious, albeit less insightful, perhaps, than Coleridge's. In the anthology of critical opinions about each play, which (like the detailed notes on facing-pages) is one of the most useful attributes of the **Everyman Paperbacks** edition, Johnson says of *Romeo and Juliet* that the "pathetic strains are always polluted with some unexpected depravations". He is deploring compulsive wordplay. Coleridge, on the other hand, sees in the pun-loving Mercutio (about whom Johnson is cool) "a man possessing all the elements of a Poet: high fancy, rapid thoughts".

Something of this Romantic ideology is apparent in the introduction to the **Oxford Complete Works**, a desk-sized version, new in paperback, of an innovative edition first published in 1986. In observing that "The syntax of [Shakespeare's] time was ... more fluid than ours", the editors may look as though they are neutrally stating a fact; but when, in the next paragraph, we are told that "theatre is an endlessly fluid medium", it becomes clear that "fluidity" is a positive value. Elsewhere, Taylor and Wells assert that "editorial controversy ... is an instrument of power". On the face of it this means that a technical decision, like punctuating lightly, can be the expression of an ideological preference for (say) "fluidity" over "elegant concision".

Yet while the belief that writing is the better for being "fluid" aligns Taylor and Wells with the Romantics, the claim that editors are arguing about "power" would have surprised them by the complacency with which it accepts politics as the supreme forum of debate. The displacement of moral and religious categories by political ones is a measure of the distance that divides us from our predecessors, Romantic, Augustan and Elizabethan alike.

Yet despite the general shift towards godlessness, we do resemble the Romantics (though not Shakespeare) in belonging to a culture that is not predominantly literary. As literature has gradually ceased to be the dominant form of creative self-expression, literary competence has declined.



Shakespeare: a secular Bible

A really good critic, William Empson once wrote, would be able to extract from a single lyric an entire social history. The converse, however, is that a really bad reader needs an entire social history in order to understand a single lyric. Hence the boggling difficulty of explaining Shakespeare, who, in addition to being singularly complex in language, belongs to a phase of cultural history now in many crucial respects alien and obscure.

The late Anthony Burgess acknowledges the problem with a remark which gives his introductory essay (partnering one by Germaine Greer) to the **Collins Revised Complete Works** an air of inadvertent sabotage: "We need more than these Complete Works in assessing one particular playwright's genius." He means, evidently, that we need to look at other Renaissance playwrights. But since Burgess has just conceded Shakespeare's "quite frequent unintelligibility", he insinuates that the Collins edition (which lacks detailed notes) needs them. Of course it is not impossible (as experts keep telling us) for non-experts to read Shakespeare without notes. But you can't get far without encountering an obscurity which, though it need not balk the bounding hare, will detain the inquisitive tortoise.

The textual consultant for the revised Collins praises the original editor for unobtrusively reprinting the duplicated line (obviously the result of a print-shop blunder) in Sonnet 146. But without some such note as that supplied in the edition for **Everyman Hardbacks** (an entirely separate series from the Everyman Paperbacks one), the casual reader will be puzzled or misled. The same Everyman Hardbacks edition throws in, with a characteristically acute introduction from Helen Vendler, the bonus of W.H. Auden's famously trenchant essay on the sonnets.

That essay ends, however, with a long quotation from *The Two Noble Kinsmen* which contains a small but distracting error of transcription ("and" for "that" in "him I do not love that tells close offices ..."). At least, I *think* it is an error, having checked it against the Collins, since that edition omits *The Two Noble Kinsmen*, though it includes *Pericles* and *Henry VIII*, also the products of joint-authorship.

The handsome Everyman Hardbacks edition has yet to reach those of its eight projected volumes that will contain any of these plays. Its texts have enough glossarial notes to help you to paraphrase obscurities, but they are, like the Collins text, derived from older editions. The outstanding feature of the four volumes collecting the Tragedies and the Roman History plays is a trio of book-length introductions by Tony Tanner. In the course of one of these pithy yet companionable essays, Tanner praises a former teacher for the "humanism", which his own writing exudes. It is cheering to find a modern critic who quotes Plutarch on reading as a "schole of wisedome" in a spirit of accord.

Of the multi-volume editions, buy the Everyman Paperbacks, which range from £2.99 to £3.99 per play, for their notes and critical anthologies; and the Everyman Hardbacks, which range from £6.99 to £11.99 per volume, for their accompanying essays. Of the one-volume editions, buy the Oxford, at £13.95 hardback and £8.99 paperback, for the texts (and excellent one-page introductions to each play); and the Collins (£13.99 hardback and £9.99 paperback) if you want a convenient Shakespeare to shelve next to your Bible.

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Another sort of Greene

Christopher Hawtree

THE LIFE OF GRAHAM GREENE
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1939-1955
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One can almost hear the nation groan as it lights upon news of yet another book about Graham Greene. In St Ives, however, they view the matter differently and carouse in the wine-bars. Its printing firm Clays commanded premium rates to have copies of Michael Shelden's unauthorised study of Greene, *The Man Within*, on sale three weeks after he finished its research. No sooner was this off the presses when along came another urgent order: the second volume of the authorised biography by Shelden's rival Norman Sherry, who was still conducting interviews in June.

True, Picasso or Mozart produced masterpieces in even less time, but is this unseemly scramble true scholarship? Shelden's hot breath has not only sped Sherry along but prompted a better-paced narrative than that of the heavily remaindered first volume, published five years ago. However, this has not excluded hasty oversights.

These 500 pages take Greene along that familiar path which includes the Blitz, Africa, an affair with Dorothy Glover, work with Philby, marriage breakdown, great success, movies, fine work as a publisher, continual travel, the troubled and tedious affair with Catherine Walston and several sojourns in Vietnam.

All this makes a daunting gift to a biographer. More an incomplete work of reference than of art, Sherry's book is not ideal. Its merit is in not being Shelden.

Neither biographer is a stylist, but Sherry's chronological accumulation allows some of Greene's developing character to emerge. Sherry's careful narrative is a world away from Shelden's speculations about Greene's complicity in the Brighton trunk murder, inferred from scattered references. In contrast to Sherry, Shelden notices that Greene's house in Oxford had earlier inspired "The Altar of the Dead", from which he draws a theory both brilliant and facile, reluctant to admit mere coincidence.

If Shelden's energy is often misguided, however, he has a knack for tapping sources missed by Sherry, such as the Korda papers and Greene's letters to his brother Herbert. He also talked to the SIS, while Sherry places undue reliance upon the CIA and Philby.

Where Sherry presents facts, Shelden is relentlessly judgmental, alienating readers whatever their view of Greene. Sherry, a man of the world, is far calmer and is surely right to say that "if Greene had been a homosexual he would have been open about it like Douglas".

Sherry's volume is, for all its faults, honestly intended. Much is highly entertaining, particularly in the first third, before the onset of Catherine Walston. Greene tells his brother Hugh that "a new shade of knickers and nightdresses has been named *Brighton Rock* by Peter Jones. Is this fame?" The 70 excellent pages about Greene in wartime Africa bring the place alive in a way that those on his time in Vietnam fail to do.

It is deceptively copious, for one is continually aware of a Greene that eludes Sherry — the sociable one. Here he switches between driven solitude and tormented love, his biographer oblivious to the life that swirled around him. There is nothing, either, on his highly annotated library, as much a part of Greene's life as any person. Perhaps Sherry should have sought out this and other libraries instead of travelling in Greene's footsteps for its own sake.

Much else is missing, including Greene's celebrated collection of Victorian detective fiction made with Dorothy Glover, his cousin Barbara's wartime marriage in Germany, his too-little-known movie *The Stranger's Hand* (the scenario was published last year) and the allegedly-lost title *The Tenth Man* (no mention either of Karas's zither music for *The Third Man*).

It is startling to have nothing on Victoria Ocampo, the vivacious Argentinian whom he soon called one of his best friends after meeting her in New York in the late 1940s. She is, however, mentioned in Father Leopoldo Duran's forthcoming memoir *Graham Greene: Friend and Brother*. The latter work also conveys more vividly than Sherry the "peace and tranquillity" of Greene's sister Elisabeth.

Sherry's fulsome acknowledgements are high farce. Greene could have made a novel out of this one: "H.R. Gaines — better known as ill-gotten, the northern recluse whose friendship with me has lasted many years (he speaks to no other apart from Ian Carr) — made interesting suggestions about the nature of non-possessive love as this is revealed in the biography".

This is as curious a story as that of Greene's bibliographer, Alan Redway, who could not keep pace with the output and died after 25 years at it: a decade on, Neil Brennan has almost caught up. His book is due in November from OUP.

Keen as one is for Sherry's next instalment, narrower confines could have made for a fuller account. If only a subversive St Ives printer had combined Shelden and Sherry to produce a life that did justice to Greene, whose suicidal despair scarcely stilled his formidable energy.



Graham Greene with Deborah Kerr and Van Johnson, who starred in the 1954 Columbia film of his semi-autobiographical novel about Catholicism *The End of the Affair*

Our youth on fire

TEENAGE FICTION

Put down this paper. Go to the window. Out there, out in the familiar world, does everything appear unchanged?

Look closer, however, and you might discover that things are most definitely not as they seem, as does Charlotte, the engaging, GCSE-harassed narrator of Jan Mark's novel **They do Things Differently There** *(Bodley Head, £7.99 pbk original)*. Aided by her previously-ignored new friend Elaine, she exposes the double life of smotheringly boring Compton Rosehay, the town which God "knocked off ... around 12.30, when he was getting bored and starting to think about lunch".

Life there is memorably described as like "living inside a petrified Fair Isle pullover". However, its alter ego "Stalemate" is far from being petrified — how could it be, with characters such as Dagobert, the fishmonger-poet; Professor Scrapie, the obsessive slug-breeder; Auger, origin of the Auger Boredom Scale; and Captain Cheeseheart, otherwise known as Mr Lomax, head of Lower School?

Gradually, inexorably, the boundaries between Compton Rosehay and Stalemate, between real life and fantasy, become blurred, until there appears to be no end to the rich and exhilarating tide of invention which carries the reader along, engrossed, to the very last page.

Jan Mark wittily and accurately captures the flavour of a schoolgirl life with which any teenager can identify. *They Do Things Differently There* is a high-spirited success. Its inspired flights of fancy give a whole new meaning to the term "escapist literature".

In **The Disinherited** by Louise Lawrence *(Bodley Head, £7.99 pbk original)*, Helena and Hugh also seek escape. Across a chasm created by class and differing mentalities, they challenge the prejudices which dominate their world. Their love-story is set in a grim future, where society, over-burdened by a hopeless underclass, relies on segregation and discrimination to exist. It is a gripping scenario — classic thriller material — though the conversations between Hugh and his beer-swilling father sometimes seem stilted, and characters such as Helena's disapproving mother slip into stereotypes.

Unlike the central characters of these latter novels, Spider, heroine of **Burning Issues** by Allan Frewin Jones *(Bodley Head, £7.99 pbk original)*, is not so much seeking escape as understanding. When, distraught after the death of her dearly-beloved nan, she meets sensitive student Ricky, she falls in love. Believing that only Ricky can understand her, she shuns her family, and tries to please him by identifying totally with his causes, including his campaign against vivisection. But Ricky has a frighteningly double-edged character, and Spider finds herself trapped in a spiral of violence.

Though this book wins hands down for sheer nail-bitingly compulsive page-turning, within its fast-moving framework Spider's viewpoints on love and grief, her flirtations with teenage rebellion, are always sympathetically treated.

Anne Bailey's new novel **Cherie** *(Faber £9.99)* shows how the ordeal of rape not only has repercussions for the victim, but also for her family — for her father and her sister, Suzy, from whose viewpoint the story is narrated. As Cherie tries to piece together her shattered life, the people around her have to confront their own feelings of guilt and incomprehension.

In Bailey's last novel, **Breaking Point** *(Faber, £4.99 pbk)*, Anna finds herself desperately seeking some focal point for her life after her family has disintegrated as a result of her father's unfaithfulness. She leaves home and, struggling to come to terms with her changed situation, not only seizes on religion but also embarks upon a new relationship. When this life also begins to fall apart, Anna becomes lost in a secret torment of self-abuse and anger.

Powerfully told in the first person, this book explores the violence and intensity of Anna's mood swings, the knife-edge line between normality and delusion.

Thought-provoking and direct, Anne Bailey's novels have a gritty and occasionally disturbing realism. Yet in my opinion they cannot compare with the touching humanity of Gay Hicyilmaz's **The Frozen Waterfall**, *(Faber, £3.99 pbk)*, which held me spellbound till the very last page. This novel explores loss of innocence, through the character of the strong-spirited Selda, who has to leave Turkey with her mother and self-obsessed sisters to join her father in Switzerland.

There Selda confronts the problem of adapting to a new, confusing way of life. She finds friends as lonely and displaced as herself — a rich, unhappy classmate and a solitary young illegal immigrant. The story of her fight to understand and overcome the hostilities surrounding her, and her eventual triumph over adversity, makes this book essential reading for all those who have ever felt powerless — all of us teenagers, in fact.

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By R.J. Knecht
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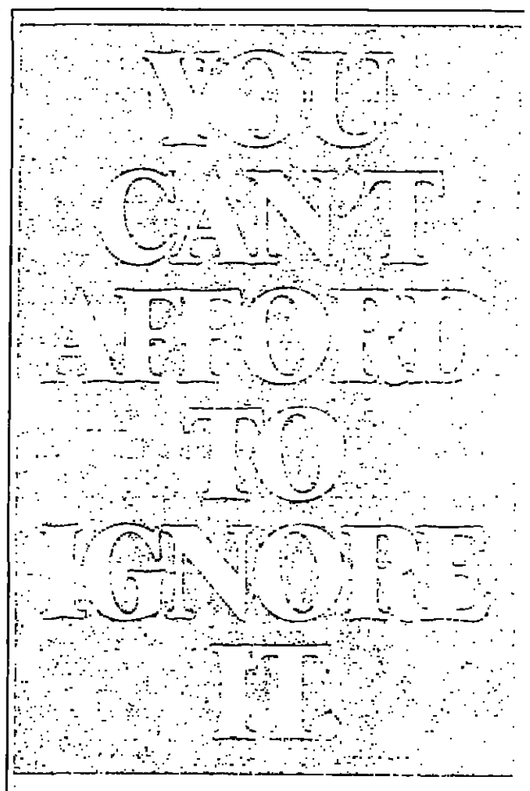
FRANCIS I was the opposite number to Henry VIII, and they were very much rivals. Francis may not have been a great king, but his was certainly a splendid reign. A still grander rival was the Emperor Charles V: their prolonged duel filled the first half of the 16th century.

R.J. Knecht has revised his standard work on Francis I of 1982. The book's new emphasis is that they were fighting for possession of Italy, that Renaissance jewel.

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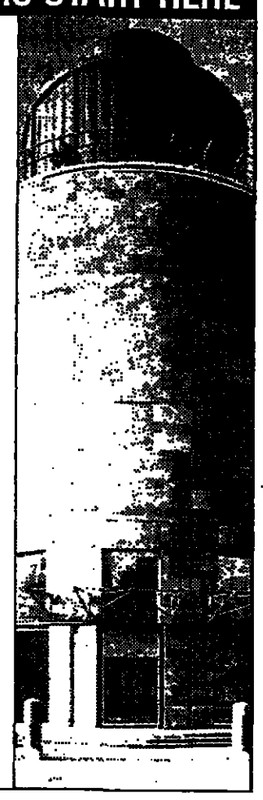
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1,581.50	Allied Irish	240 †	-2½	...	5.3	9.2
2,635.40	Aus New Z	198	+3	..	4.8	29.6
10,719.60	Bankamerica	3062¼	-12½	...		
1,243.00	Bk of Ireland	263	-4	...	5.0	7.6
2,267.30	Bank Scotland	196	+11	...	3.2	16.0
9,176.30	Barclays	564 †	+25	..	3.7	17.4
24.50	Carlisle	29½		...	1.1	...
170.50	Cater Allen	523	+8	...	6.7	∞
169.80	Cattles	153	+2	...	4.1	15.7
4,356.50	Chase Manh	2356¼	+40½			
10,826.90	Citicorp	2781¼	+68½			
219.70	Close Bros	243	+4	...	5.3	13.2
4,434.70	Commerzbk	£135¼	-14½	...	6.2	..
14,056.60	Deutsche Bk	£295¼	+13½	...	2.3	..
117.30	First Nat Fin	69½	+3½	...	2.7	...
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272.30	Gerrard Nat	478	+4	22.0	5.8	13.8
6,120.00	HSBC	720	-39	...	4.3	10.3
12,932.50	HSBC HK	739	-33	...	4.2	10.6
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21.30	Joseph (L)	405 †	...		5.4	11.8
22.80	King Shaxson	131	-1	...	8.6	12.9
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1,504.60	Westpac	209	-5		2.6	∞
24.80	Wintrust	293			4.5	∞

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345.70	Boddington	295	+18	...	3.5	15.9
212.10	Bulmer (HP)	404 †	+15	...	3.3	23.3
39.50	Burtonwd Brw	190 †	+9	...	3.3	15.9
20.00	Eldridge P 'A'	156	+5	...	3.0	21.4
1,706.00	Fosters Brewing	51	-2	...	5.4	61.7
55.50	Fuller Sm 'A'	419 †		...	2.3	17.5
4,211.30	Grand Met	442 †	+8	...	3.8	19.2
946.90	Greenalls Grp	453	+19	...	3.5	17.4
213.20	Greene King	504 †	+7	...	3.2	14.0
9,636.50	Guinness	478	+23	...	3.3	15.5
65.50	Hardy Hansn	262	-8	...	4.5	13.4
3.48	Heavitree	190		...	3.4	13.5
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1,008.60	Holt J	3620	-20	...	1.7	20.4
319.70	Macallan-Glen	180	+5	...	0.8	49.7
55.90	Macdn Martn 'A'	635		...	1.9	25.8
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109.60	Morland	503	+5	...	2.5	16.8
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191.30	Taunton Cider	175 †	+1	...	4.7	13.4
254.60	Vaux Group	254	+16	...	4.7	16.4
140.90	Wetherspoon JD	389	-2	...	1.9	25.7
3,012.50	Whitbread	576	-24	...	4.1	16.7
360.70	Wolvrhmptn D	544	-12	...	3.0	15.3
65.60	Yates Bros	169	-4	...	2.2	20.9
14.60	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

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12.30	Albrighton	17 †	+3	...	3.7	16.3
48.70	Allen	157	-1	...	4.2	18.6
226.50	Amec	112	-5	...	3.3	53.9
124.00	Ashtead	412 †	+2½	...	1.7	∞
322.60	Attwoods	116	-2	...	5.5	...
1,669.00	BPB Ind	334 †	+1	...	3.0	22.6
53.60	Baggeridge Brk	135	-2	...	2.9	25.5
3.55	Bailey (Ben) Con	34		...	2.6	20.8
4.67	Barcom	25	-2	...	8.8	3.0
258.20	Bardon	43		...	5.8	...
333.60	Barratt Devs	184	-8	...	3.4	14.8
404.40	Beazer Homes	144	-10½	...	4.3	12.6
209.30	Bellway	214	-3	...	3.6	20.1
19.00	Bellwinch	42	...	...	...	...
300.10	Berisford Intl	201	-17	...	...	...
326.90	Berkeley Gp	424 †	+4	...	2.1	17.6
26.20	Bett Bros	175		...	2.0	8.7
17.90	Blockleys	72	+2	...	1.7	...
2,195.50	Blue Circle	302	-10	...	4.7	25.4
74.40	Boot (Henry)	288	-20	...	2.9	14.5
11.40	Brandon Hire	81	+3	...	2.4	∞
26.70	Breedon PLC	94	+5	...	6.1	26.9
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403.00	Bryant	145	-8	...	4.1	22.1
52.90	CALA	123		...	2.6	...
1,299.60	CRH	367	-4	...	2.6	18.6
2.26	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
142.40	Costain	27½	-1½	...	...	...
113.70	Countryside	149 †	-3	...	3.4	33.1
84.40	Crest Nicholson	87 †	-2½	...	2.3	16.1
21.60	Cussins	121	+12	...	3.1	14.6
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32.00	Galliford	36	-½	...	3.5	...
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87.20	Gleeson (MJ)	863		...	1.8	15.1
217.90	Graham Grp	190	-1	...	3.0	18.2
366.60	Hewden-Stuart	160	+1	...	2.3	23.6
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352.90	Heywd Wm	368		...	4.4	24.5
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15.80	How Gp	38	-1	...	2.5	...
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166.20	Marshalls	136 †	-7	...	3.9	16.6
61.20	Maunders (J)	245	-1	...	2.7	21.6
142.30	McAlpine (A)	206	-1	...	3.9	30.2
62.90	McCarthy & S	64	+6	...	1.0	...
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174.60	Mowlem (J)	100	+3	...	2.5	...
64.80	NSM	108		...		12.4
211.60	Newman Tnks	175	+3	...	4.4	23.5
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Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
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	Adam & Harvey	463 †	+35		4.0	∞
	Air London	65			6.9	13.8
	African Lakes	53			7.2	
	BET Ord	119	-1		3.4	19.8
	BPP	229	+3		4.9	16.4
	BSM	152			4.8	12.9
	Barbour Index	203	+4		5.4	∞
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CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
815.50	Allied Colloids	145	+8	...	3.0	26.2
599.20	Amersham	1023	+6	...	1.9	21.4
20.70	Anglo Utd	2½				
8,037.90	BASF DM	£137¼	+12¼	...	3.0	...
427.70	BTP	318 †	-1	...	3.9	20.1
10,341.50	Bayer DM50	£154½	+18¼	...	6.0	...
91.20	Blagden	126	+2	...	1.3	59.0
95.70	Brent Chems	126	+2	...	3.1	...
94.40	Brit Biotech	300	+1	...		20.8
4.29	Caird Gp	7½				
55.20	Canning (W)	195	-1	...	4.7	33.0
2,160.80	Courtaulds	509	+12	...	3.4	43.5
905.60	Croda	383	+5	...	2.7	19.5
11.20	Dyeline	106	+11	...	5.4	12.0
251.60	Ellis & Everard	228 †	+6	...	3.4	27.6
16.90	Euro Colour	56	+½	...	2.6	20.9
99.10	Halstead (J)	365	+3	...	3.1	17.1
313.10	Hickson	178	+10	...	5.7	15.7
8,409.50	Hoechst	£149¼	+28½	...	2.1	...
279.40	Holliday Chem	230 †	-6	...	2.3	19.5
6,015.40	ICI	852 †	-13	...	4.1	87.2
1,530.90	Laporte	799	-4	...	3.2	21.7
149.50	Leigh	225 †	+3½	...	4.3	30.6
29.30	MTM	79	+5	...		
5,545.50	Norsk Hydro	2421½	-12½	...	1.6	∞
121.70	Pattrsn Zoch	498		...	3.2	13.1
110.90	-do- 'A'	482		...	3.3	12.7
40.00	Plysu	189		...	4.6	22.0
48.20	Porvair	313	+3	...	1.7	23.5
27.00	Satellite Speak	48	...	...	1.3	28.2
97.90	Wardle Storeys	393	+3	...	5.5	20.6
54.60	Wstnhlme R	738	...	...	3.0	18.4
202.00	Yorks Chem	441 †	-11	...	2.3	19.0
379.30	Yule Catto	331	+7	...	2.4	25.2
8,042.00	Zeneca	851	+26	..	4.1	16.9

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
239.10	Allders	232 †	-1	...	3.3	17.3
1,091.60	Argos Plc	364	-10	...	2.9	19.0
164.40	Ashley (Laura)	70	-2	...	0.2	..
251.90	Asprey	314	...	...	2.4	15.5
71.40	Austin Reed	231	+1	...	3.0	12.0
65.80	Beattie (J) 'A'	141	+1	...	5.5	15.2
52.40	Bentalls	125	+2	...	2.0	47.1
85.50	Betterware	83	...	...	3.9	9.0
14.30	Blacks Leis	45	...	...	6.5	∞
447.00	Body Shop	236	-8	...	1.1	22.2
5,699.70	Boots	547	+15	...	3.4	21.6
24.50	Brown & Jackson	3½	+¼	...		
356.20	Brown (N)	244	...	...	2.0	23.4
857.50	Burton	61	+1½	...	4.1	...
29.20	Cantors	193	+1	...	2.6	26.9
75.80	Charnb Phipps	170	...	...	5.6	22.3
52.20	Church	493	...	...	3.4	27.7
16.50	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	8.4
1,582.20	Coats Viyella	222	+2	...	4.4	19.5
28.00	Ctry Casuals	146	+1	...	3.7	14.9
181.20	Courts Furnish	771	...	...	1.0	39.0
2.64	Crown Eyes	165 †	-5	...	7.2	∞
1,646.20	Dairy Farm Intl	99¼	-¼	...	3.8	13.2
170.90	Dewhurst (D)	135	+1½	...	1.3	24.5
817.80	Dixons Grp	206 †	+4	...	4.0	21.9
10.70	ERA Gp	8½	...	...		
10.60	Eclipse Blinds	7½	+¼	...	3.1	...
6.96	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.7	∞
22.20	Essex Furn	194	-6	...	2.4	31.0
206.00	Etam	315	+19	...	3.0	22.3
405.20	Fine Art Dev	509	+8	14.3	3.5	15.8
2.74	First Earth	48	...	...		
16.50	Forminster	723 †	+3	...	2.8	∞
34.40	French Conn	215	+20	...	...	12.1
22.40	Gent SR	62	+6	...	4.5	19.3
26.30	Goldsmiths Gp	120 †	+8	...	1.1	21.5
5,844.90	GUS	581	-20	...	2.8	16.8
42.30	Hamleys	185	...	...	3.2	17.8
3.44	Hampden Grp	23	...	...	5.4	...
50.10	Hartstone	15½	-1½	...	2.6	...
5.42	Honeysuckle	66	-5	...	4.8	9.5
500.50	Hse of Fraser	218	+1	...	2.9	19.6
18.30	Jacques Vert	192	+6	...	3.0	16.7
3,523.10	Kingfisher	529	+12	...	3.5	13.0
23.60	Leslie Wise Gp	68 †	...	...	7.4	14.3
89.20	Liberty	398	...	...	1.5	48.9
359.60	Lloyds Chem	304	-8	...	3.3	10.1
638.20	MFI	144	-9	...	3.5	18.3
12,123.50	Marks Spencer	435	+5	...	2.8	20.2
328.00	Menzies (John)	590	+8	...	2.5	14.3
54.40	Moss Bros	326	...	...	2.7	15.9
1,016.70	Next	273	+15	...	2.5	20.3
18.10	Oliver (G)	72	+½	...	...	77.5
151.90	Oriflame Intl	284	+14	...	4.7	∞
7.60	Pentos	22½	-1½	...		
67.20	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
26.00	Ratners Grp	31	...	...	2.0	11.2
31.20	Roceby	158	-1	...	3.8	17.7
129.90	Sherwood Gp	116	+1	...	3.1	11.5
1,795.30	Sears	118½	-4½	...	3.9	20.2
87.90	Signet Group	30	+¼	...	...	15.2
1,334.50	Smith WH	479	-4	...	3.9	15.4
1.87	Specialeyes	12	-1	...		
898.10	Storehouse	216	-4	...	3.2	19.2
122.70	T & S Stores	192	+6	...	4.0	14.3
73.30	Tie Rack	142	...	...	1.5	16.9
126.10	Time Products	238	+1	...	4.5	18.4
7.27	Usher (Frank)	105	-1	6.0	7.1	11.4
3,950.90	Vendome	508 †	+12	...	1.4	∞
21.00	Vivat	38	-2	...	4.1	9.9
52.30	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.5
6.14	Wensum	82	+4	...	3.0	28.9
349.50	Wickes	91	+1	...	1.7	21.0
7.15	Wld of Leather	89	-8	...		
55.90	Wyevale	146	+7	...	3.8	15.5

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
235.60	ACT Group	127	+4	...	5.2	11.9
53.30	Acal	276	...	...	3.1	17.3
73.50	Admiral	845	...	...	1.3	19.2
90.20	Alba	193	+1	...	3.3	19.6
12.20	Alphameric	45	+7	...	...	34.3
191.80	Amstrad	23	...	...	1.9	...
24.20	App Holo	110	+9	...		
22.20	Arlen	30	...			
280.00	Astec	96½	-1½	...	1.0	22.5
40.40	Azlan	185 †	-12	...	2.0	∞
28.60	Beales Hunter	209	-4	...	4.6	∞
1,412.40	BICC	400	-18	...	6.1	24.8
134.20	Blick	440 †	+7	...	3.0	17.7
255.60	Borland	900	+50	...		
619.40	Bowthorpe	333	+12	...	2.6	18.6
23,970.10	BT	385 †	+9½	...	5.4	13.4
4,703.10	BT P/P	269⅞	+10	...	5.4	13.4
5.07	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	+½	...	1.6	14.2
24.00	Burnfield	70	...	...	4.5	54.4
10,219.50	Cable Wireless	467⅞	-35½	...	2.2	19.9
71.50	Chloride	30	-½	...		
47.60	CML Micro	268	...	...	2.8	∞
36.10	Comptr People	181	+6	...	1.0	41.2
414.80	Cray Elect	187 †	-2	...	1.5	∞
64.90	Critchley	483	-1	...	2.2	20.7
789.10	Delta	531	+4	...	3.4	23.6
25.50	Denmans El	584	-1	...	1.4	16.3
146.00	Domino	551	-9	...	1.9	23.7
111.20	Dowding Mills	75	...	...	4.2	25.2
95.60	Dracks	1493 †	+10	...	0.9	∞
1,042.60	Electrocomps	496 †	+2	...	2.4	21.6
36.20	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
41.80	Electron House	165	-5	...	2.5	∞
40.30	Emess	38	+5	...	0.3	...
342.60	Eurotherm	385 †	-3	...	1.6	22.8
794.80	FKI	178 †	-6	...	2.6	21.7
726.30	Farnell Elect	540	+8	...	1.7	22.2
52.70	First Tech	339	...	...	1.3	∞
17.70	Forward Gp	215	-2	...	2.9	12.0
16.30	Forward Tech	48	-1½	...	0.7	...
8,265.20	GEC	302 †	+21½	...	4.5	15.2
96.80	Graseby	150	+1	...	5.5	13.9
38.40	Graystone	14	...	...	0.9	...
53.90	Ind Control	135	+5	...	4.2	12.0
54.50	Jones Stroud	315 †	+8½	...	3.6	∞
54.00	Kalamazoo	142 †	-2	...	2.9	∞
4.39	Kembrey	16 †	...	0.1	1.2	∞
137.30	Kenwood App	374 †	+3	...	3.0	17.9
32.50	Kewill Sys	348 †	-2	...	2.3	∞
4.23	Kode	45	-30	...	11.1	6.4
3.54	Laser-Scan	94	-2	...		
20.50	LBMS	92	...			
21.50	Lec Refrig	355	...	...	3.2	...
246.10	Life Sciences	142	+2	...	3.4	14.9
176.70	Logica	286	-2	...	1.8	30.0
4.13	LPA Ind	46	...	...	4.3	...
76.00	ME Data Mngmt	137	-4	...	5.1	15.3
125.40	Macro 4	550	-3	...	4.4	16.5
118.10	Memec	262 †	...	...	2.1	∞
125.50	Micro Focus	870	-155	...	...	8.3
51.20	Microgen	130 †	...	...	7.0	13.0
28.20	Microvitec	41	-1	...		
205.70	Misys	434 †	-1	...	2.3	∞
190.40	Mitel	241	+8	...		
19.90	MMT Comp	177	...	...	3.0	18.1
54.70	MTL Inst	311	+2	...	1.6	20.1
33.40	Murray Elec	126	+3	...	2.0	...
10,492.30	NYNEX	2509¼	-50	...		
20.20	Nestronics	78 †	...	...	4.2	16.9
2.60	Newmark (L)	96	...			
30.40	Norbain	410 †	...	...	0.7	∞
15.60	Northamber	91 †	+6	...	1.1	∞
5.13	Oceonics	6	...			
148.00	Oxford Inst	304 †	+6½	...	2.0	17.9
56.30	P & P	72	+4	...	3.9	17.9
11.10	Pegasus	178	...	...	3.5	19.6
13.50	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
7,130.80	-do- Lmp	2153¼	-40½	...	0.9	9.6
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ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	East Midlands	742 †	+32	...	3.8	[illegible]
2,288.50	Eastern Elec	809 †	+46½	...	3.6	17.7
[illegible]	Hydro-Elec	337 †	+29½	...	4.0	12.4
[illegible]	London Elec	776	+47	...	4.0	10.8
546.00	Manweb	903 †	+18	...	3.8	9.6
[illegible]	Midlands Elec	773 †	+17	...	3.9	11.9
4,425.60	National Power	492	+21	...	3.1	12.5
954.90	Northern Elec	784 †	+70	...	4.0	9.8
507.40	Nthn Ireland	386 †	+23	...	3.7	10.5
[illegible]	Norweb	809 †	+56½	...	3.6	10.6
4,544.60	PowerGen	576	+28	...	2.7	12.6
[illegible]	Scottish Power	433 †	+41	...	3.7	17.4
[illegible]	Seeboard	428	+14	...	3.4	11.3
[illegible]	Sth Wales	750 †	+41	...	4.1	10.7
[illegible]	Sth Western	767 †	+28	...	3.6	31.2
[illegible]	Southern Elec	752 †	+12	...	3.4	11.7
1,446.30	Yorkshire Elec	718 †	+29	...	4.7	14.0

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	1.0	2.5	∞
[illegible]	[illegible]					
	Lon Scotland	147			7.9	9.2
10.00	Manakin	49	...			
18.10	Nat Home Loan	17½	...	...	...	0.4
20.70	Newmarket	58	...			
53.00	Rathbone Brs	272	-4	...	3.4	14.3
65.70	Rutland Tst	26½	+2½	...	4.1	13.4
39.50	S & U	335	-2	...	3.9	20.9
166.20	Singer & Fried	86	-2	...	4.4	11.1
208.00	Sotheby's	700	-40	...	3.5	34.1
416.00	SJP Capital	152	-1	...	2.5	9.4
27.00	Towry Law	176	...	...	3.3	17.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8,481.90	Amer Express	1762¼	+25	...		
235.00	Eaton	207	...	...	5.1	11.2
31.10	Brewin Dolphin	151 †	...	...	4.8	11.2
360.80	Gartmore	170	...	...	2.8	20.7
198.90	Henderson Ad	925	...	...	3.9	14.7
470.30	Invesco	184	-5	...	2.4	30.2
2,331.60	Jardine Strat	246½	-1½	...	3.3	20.2
925.30	MAI	284	+2	...	3.0	15.5
	MAI 5½% Cv Pf	108½	+2½	...		
1,132.10	MAM	623	-5	...	4.5	14.5
752.70	M & G	1005	-2	...	3.5	21.0
223.60	Smith New Ct	405 †	+9	...	3.1	13.6
15.00	Tyler Hldgs	2½	-½	...	6.9	12.3

FOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,608.50	AB Food	579 †	-7	...	3.2	11.4
1,811.90	ASDA Group	62¼	-1½	...	3.5	15.1
101.20	Acatos & Hutch	302	-3	...	3.5	12.1
318.40	Albert Fisher	45	-6	...	10.4	10.0
3,234.20	Argyll	288 †	+14	...	5.0	12.6
22.60	Banks (S C)	266	+1	...	4.7	∞
69.90	Barr (AG)	370	+13	...	2.3	23.0
10.70	Bensons Crisp	58	...	...	6.1	19.2
930.00	Booker	435	-6	...	6.2	15.5
30.90	Borthwick	53½	...	...	3.0	22.9
216.20	Brake Bros	424	-2	...	2.0	15.7
47.20	Budgen	29 †	...	...	4.3	∞
19.00	CPL Aromas	175	...	...	2.1	16.7
3,915.10	Cadbury-Schw	470	+3	...	3.8	15.9
12.80	Carrs Milling	187	+2	...	3.0	∞
21.90	Cornwick	163	+5	...	5.3	11.6
3.83	Colletts	14½	...			
13.60	Dalepak	117 †	-1	...	1.6	∞
1,063.80	Dalgety	404	+9	...	5.6	13.5
4.73	Daniels S	37	...	...	0.7	...
337.50	Devro	250	+2	...	3.1	16.9
16.50	Everest	65	...	...	7.1	12.4
79.20	Farepak	350 †	...	...	2.4	∞
1.57	Farringford	6	...			
75.80	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.8	14.2
287.60	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
159.60	Geest	222	-9	8.1	4.6	...
19.30	Global	16	...	...	3.9	14.6
17.40	Grand Central	44	+5	...		
308.80	Hazlewood Fds	133 †	-1	...	6.3	8.1
1,243.40	Hillsdown	180	...	...	6.1	14.4
85.90	Hobson	22	...			
415.10	Iceland Group	151	-1	...	3.1	9.6
40.70	JLI Group	68 †	...	...	6.1	7.8
4,216.60	Kwik Save	597	-10	...	3.9	10.4
194.70	Low (Wm)	364	+2	...	2.9	...
147.70	Matthews (B)	119	-5	...	2.6	19.0
10.20	Merchant Retail	12	...	...	2.1	...
1,014.70	Morrison (W)	142	+1	...	0.9	16.6
94.00	Nichols (JN)	238	-5	...	3.1	15.1
1,280.20	Nitin Foods	223 †	-6	...	4.9	10.9
7.37	Nrthmbrn Fns	72	...			
241.30	Nurdin Peack	191	+1	...	4.3	10.6
212.80	Park Foods	134 †	-11	...	2.2	∞
100.00	Perkins Food	81	-4	...	6.9	17.6
64.90	PizzaExpress	129	+5	...	0.5	27.3
3.50	Regina Hlth	2½	...			
7,920.00	Sainsbury J	440	-20	...	3.0	15.6
2.48	Sentry Farms	81	+6	...	3.5	8.2
22.70	Shaxl Food	38 †	+½	...	12.5	∞
1,599.30	Tate & Lyle	445	-4	...	3.9	11.0
4,868.40	Tesco	247	+3½	...	3.9	12.9
117.70	Thorntons	183	...	...	2.6	...
20.40	Trestle	214	-4	...	2.4	17.3
883.30	Unigate	377	-15	...	5.7	10.7
1,804.20	Utd Biscuits	343	+4	...	5.6	14.6
7.34	Usborne	8	-1	...	5.2	5.9
156.00	Watson & Phil	368	+12	...	5.0	14.9
16.10	West Trust	38	...	...	8.3	25.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.08	Abrdn Stk H	34	...			
146.10	City Centre Rest	76	-1	...	2.9	16.7
2,101.90	Forte	243	+6½	...	3.9	37.8
36.60	Friendly Hotels	185 †	+11	...	3.9	33.2
49.60	Jurys Hotel	149½	+3½	...	4.8	∞
1,985.30	Ladbroke	174	+3	...	4.3	25.6
594.50	Mandarin Orntl	87½	+1½	...	3.7	22.5
17.70	Ryan Hotels E	27	-½	...	4.8	15.4
271.70	Savoy Hotel 'A'	950	-8	...	0.5	...
417.90	Stakis	87½	-1	...	1.7	31.5

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10.10	AAF Inds	44	...			
378.50	AAH	422 †	-6	...	5.3	15.0
19.20	ABI	136 †	+1	...	4.1	38.1
333.80	APV	113	...	...	6.0	...
143.60	ASW	214	+2	...	3.5	...
150.40	Adwest	185	+3	...	4.9	19.9
6.46	Aerospace Eng	17	...	...	5.5	...
55.70	Alcaprune	233	+5	...	2.6	∞
73.40	Alexdn W	218	-2	...	3.2	21.2
6.94	Allied Radio	6½	+½	...		
90.20	Alumasc	320	...	...	2.6	17.8
31.10	AMS	96 †	...	...	3.2	38.9
20.20	Amber Ind	760	+5	...	3.3	15.8
24.40	Amberley Gp	57	...	...	2.2	∞
22.80	Amaglen	49	...			
7.57	Andrews Sykes	53	+6	...		
484.10	Antofagasta	308	+2	...	1.4	20.9
16.50	Armour	51½	+1	...	4.1	12.0
44.20	Ash & Lacy	168	...	...	4.3	32.3
11.20	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	3.5	54.9
165.20	Avon Rubber	621	-1	...	3.3	27.0
41.40	Assoc Fsng	221	...			
55.40	Atlas Equip	333	...	...	2.2	18.5
0.60	Ayrshire Metal	96 †	...	1.5	2.2	...
808.10	BBA	199	-8	...	4.0	...
10.60	BLP Group	159	+4	...	0.8	43.6
48.50	BM Gp	43½	+1½	...		
3,527.60	BOC	738	+13	...	3.9	31.1
20.90	BSG	70	-1	...	5.7	43.8
142.00	BSS Group	544	-2	...	4.1	22.2
13,517.20	BTR	376	-7	...	4.1	19.5
72.00	BWI	151	...	...	5.5	19.1
283.30	Babcock	13½	-½	...		
3.99	Bailey (CH)	7½	...			
266.80	Baird (Wm)	234	...	...	4.8	18.6
106.10	Barlow	468½	...	...	2.2	...
110.10	Baynes (Charles)	79	...	...	2.6	...
6.46	Bearing Power	19	...	...	4.9	12.1
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6.32	EPG	13½	-½	0.1	0.9	8.8
173.00	EIS	382	...	...	4.0	15.3
2.41	Elbief	19	...			
12.40	Ecco	42	...			
2,224.80	Electrolux 'B'	3121½	-46½	...	1.7	54.3
30.00	Elliott (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
1,168.50	Eng China Cl	383	...	...	5.3	22.3
24.20	Envirotrend	105	+2	...	0.2	...
7,098.20	Ericsson 'B'	1573	+287½	...	1.1	31.6
31.50	Eurocopy	65 †	+5½	...	3.5	19.1
71.40	Expamet	113	...	...	2.8	...
291.40	Fairey Group	387	-2	...	1.9	20.5
95.40	Fenner	138	...	...	0.4	...
9.31	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
9.72	Ferrum	39	-1	...		
6.53	Fife Indmar	53	-2	...	6.5	7.8
1,015.90	Fisons	147	+1	...	3.7	...
101.00	Fitzwilton	40	...	...	11.3	...
73.40	Fogas	298	...	...	2.8	∞
13.20	Folkes Group nv	43	+1	1.5	4.4	...
11.20	French (Thomas)	95 †	...	...	4.8	18.8
171.10	Frost Group	243	+9	...	2.5	25.7
31.00	GEI Intl	84	...	...	2.2	21.6
2,166.00	GKN	626	-13	...	4.1	36.2
7.24	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
4.16	Garton Eng	109	+1	...	5.2	29.5
287.60	Gestetner	146	+1	...	2.1	...
14.30	Glews	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
19,308.00	Glaxo	636	+13	...	4.7	15.1
10.80	Glenchewton	37	...			
745.60	Glynwed	359	-6	...	4.1	30.8
106.30	Goode Durrant	198 †	+1	...	3.8	15.5
108.40	Grampian Hd	156	+9	...	4.4	40.2
2,987.00	Granada	515 †	-6	...	2.2	20.5
40.90	Great Shrm	770	+5	...	2.3	25.4
5.47	Green (Ernest)	71	...	...	12.3	13.0
30.80	Greenacre	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
87.90	Haden MacLn	80	-4	...	3.2	20.4
8.40	Hadleigh	116 †	+½	...	2.2	∞
25.70	Halldn Hldgs	70	+6	...		
52.90	Hall Eng	178	-1	...	6.7	18.2
441.80	Halma	222 †	+4½	...	1.3	26.1
44.10	Hampson Ind	72 †	+1	...	3.5	∞
13,084.10	Hanson	250½	-8½	...	5.9	22.7
16.80	Harris (Philip)	156	...	...	5.5	19.3
1,327.20	Harrison Crsfld	189	-2	...	6.1	21.1
45.90	Havelock Euro	17½	-4	...	1.4	20.9
4.95	Hay (Norman)	33	...			
5.96	Headway	37	+1	...	2.4	...
768.40	Hepworth	317	-21	...	5.9	16.5
5.26	Hewitt (J)	155	-2	...	2.6	...
2.84	High-Point	53	-1	0.5	1.2	...
51.30	Hill & Smith	154 †	...	...	4.7	16.2
3.71	Holders Tech	119 †	...	...	6.3	12.9
46.80	Hopkinsons	60	...	...	2.7	...
15.60	Hornby	189	...	...	6.0	17.3
294.80	Howden	98	-1	...	3.2	∞
67.80	Hozelock	285	-13	...	2.6	20.3
182.90	Hunting	188	...	...	8.6	37.2
125.10	Huntlgh Tech	428	...	...	1.3	26.7
1,131.00	IMI	347	+6	...	3.6	29.5
51.90	ISA Intl	130	-2	...	1.6	17.4
14.50	Intercare Gp	51 †	...	...	8.6	5.4
36.60	Isotron	293	...	4.4	1.9	16.5
3,841.00	Jardine Math	534½	+6½	...	2.7	12.5
1,998.20	Johnson Matth	575	+5	...	2.5	22.9
61.80	Johnson & FB	44	...	...	1.0	...
31.10	Johnston	294	+6	...	0.9	...
7.45	Jones Stroud	29	...			
5.57	Jourdan (T)	31	+3	...	4.1	30.3
216.20	Kalon	161½	-2	...	3.4	16.2
8.69	Kelsey Ind	283	-2	...	3.5	...
293.70	Kershaw (A)	845 †	-5	...	4.1	38.9
23.90	Kleeneze	208	-2	...	0.6	46.2
491.60	Laird	417	-11	...	3.2	19.6
46.80	Lilleshall	166 †	+9½	...	3.5	17.4
14.80	Linread	210	...	...	3.7	14.8
69.00	Linton Park	403	+3	...	4.7	∞
13.70	Lionheart	7	...	...	5.4	15.9
4.72	Locker (T) A	15½	...	...	1.6	∞
338.20	Lon Intl	97 †	+2	...		
1,013.60	Lonrho	131½	-3	...	3.8	36.1
422.70	Low & Bonar	430	-3	...	3.0	17.0
72.10	ML Hldgs	45½	...	...	2.3	15.8
13.70	NS Intl	50 †	+1	...	6.2	30.2
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22.30	Sylsone	163 †	+5	...	3.8	18.1
1,750.30	TI	374 †	-9	...	3.8	20.7
14.40	TLS Range	40	...	...	1.6	44.3
371.60	TT Group	388	+8	...	2.2	∞
279.40	Takare	223	-2	2.0	1.2	18.4
7,141.60	Takeda Chem	816½	+32½	...	0.8	14.8
7.35	Tinsley (E)	102 †	...	...	6.9	∞
21.70	Titon	199	-4	...	2.7	16.9
2,640.80	Tomkins	236 †	+1	...	3.9	15.2
965.10	Trafalgar H	90	-4	...	1.4	...
66.90	Transfer Tech	70	-2	...	5.9	7.5
93.20	Triplex Lloyd	144 †	-5½	...	6.1	∞
440.50	UniChem	307	-3	...	2.6	17.2
51.30	Unidare	285	...	...	4.0	14.4
14.20	Unigroup	45	+1	...		
9,178.80	Unilever	1129	+32	25.0	2.8	16.3
11,778.20	Unilever (NV)	7331¼	+71½	...	3.0	14.5
35.80	Utd Inds	16	+½	...		
374.70	VSEL	880	-11	...	4.6	8.3
25.90	Vernon	17½	-1	...		
652.20	Vickers	198	+4	...	1.9	24.8
121.60	Vicatuic	275	+1	...	3.6	15.1
201.10	Vitesse	488	...	...	2.0	15.9
226.10	Vosper Thorny	740	...	...	3.0	16.0
14.30	WSP Hldgs	61	...	...	3.7	44.9
237.70	Wagon Ind	510 †	-2½	...	4.4	∞
16.70	Waterbourne	81	-2	...		
99.20	Walker Greenbk	100	...	3.3	4.0	∞
583.30	Wassall	303	+1	...	1.4	27.0
425.30	Wstland Wgwrd	60	+1	...	...	46.7
490.50	Weir	313	-2	...	2.6	18.1
6,109.10	Wellcome	703 †	+26	...	3.1	16.0
47.30	Wellington Hdg	200	-3	...	3.2	19.3
47.30	Wellman	39	...	...	2.9	83.7
181.60	West Hillscare	356	+15	...	1.6	∞
110.40	Whatman	480	...	...	2.7	17.0
40.80	Whessoe	139	+1	...	7.4	10.6
55.10	Whitecroft	126	+5	...	2.0	19.9
16.60	Whitney	11	+½	...		
2,073.00	Williams Hldg	359	-11	...	4.4	19.3
46.20	Wilshaw	35½	+1	...	1.4	22.7
2,260.50	Wolseley	822	+6	...	2.2	20.0
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.7
21.30	Wyko	66	+13	...	1.0	∞
13.60	Young (H)	82	-10	...	5.0	...

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
491.80	Alex & Alex	1287½	+25	...	5.2	...
3,963.60	Am Gen	1831⅞	-6½	...	4.1	...
19.00	Archer	52	...	...	2.4	...
58.60	Bradstock	97 †	+1	...	7.2	11.1
785.00	Britannic	413	-5	...	4.0	...
80.20	CLM Insce	93 †	...	1.4	1.9	...
3,013.20	Com Union	540 †	-11½	...	4.7	15.4
113.10	Dom & Gen	1863	...	...	1.8	22.0
170.40	FAI	40	+1	...	1.2	...
54.90	Fenchurch Grp	154	...	...	5.8	12.8
2,559.40	Gen Accident	565	+4	...	6.3	8.9
1,658.70	GRE	190	+11	...	3.0	2.6
194.10	Heath C E	295	-3	...	6.8	...
112.80	Independent Ins	253	+6	...	4.1	7.2
190.30	JIB Group	149	+2	...	6.3	13.5
2,224.60	Legal & Gen	454	+2	...	5.5	15.2
3,162.90	Liberty Life	1356½	...	...	7.8	5.1
268.20	LIMIT	96 †	...	...	1.3	∞
2,530.00	Lloyds Abbey	364 †	+3	...	6.4	11.0
116.00	Lloyd Thomp	166	-3	7.1	5.3	10.3
63.40	Lombard Ins	178	+5	...	5.4	10.3
392.60	Londn & Man	325	+3	...	6.0	16.2
115.20	Lowndes Lmb	389 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
3,594.60	Marsh McLn	5418½	-106½	...	3.5	...
69.60	Nelson Hurst	154	...	...	4.5	15.4
27.00	Oriel	111	-1	...	5.6	∞
13.90	PWS	45	+5	...	8.3	...
5,894.50	Prudential	316	+6	...	3.2	15.0
441.90	Refuge	282	-2	...	5.0	20.8
1,285.00	Royal	290	+11	...	3.9	7.2
938.90	Sedgwick	172	-1	...	4.4	19.0
53.60	Steel Burrill	116	...	...	9.7	...
28.90	Stenge Hldgs	59 †	-1	...	6.4	71.0
2,617.90	Sun Alliance	334	+7	...	5.7	14.8
109.70	Trade Indemnity	60	-1	...	1.9	13.3

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Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,854.40	3i	519	+6	...	2.6	...
939.00	Alliance	1983	+3	...	3.2	...
499.10	Anglo & O'seas	437 †	+1½	...	2.0	...
75.30	BZW Conv	147	+3	7.8	6.6	...
302.80	Bankers	195½	-4½	...	2.4	...
177.00	Baring Tribne	345 †	+6	...	2.4	...
11.70	Berry Starq	224	+4	2.2	1.2	∞
382.70	Br Assets	99½	+1½	...	5.4	...
126.30	Br Empire Sec	95	+1	...	1.2	...
5.45	-do- Wnts	41	+1	...		
667.70	Br Inv	234	+1	...	2.8	...
159.40	Brunner	289 †	+6	...	2.7	...
44.70	Contl Asset	304	+½	...	1.9	...
15.90	Derby Inc	165 †	...	...	11.9	...
49.10	-do- Cap	320	...			
10.90	Drayton Blue	83	+5	...	12.7	...
47.50	-do- Eng Inc	97	+1	...	1.0	...
178.90	-do- Far East	193	+3	...	0.6	...
215.40	Dunedin Inc G	672	+2	...	4.9	...
39.90	-do- Japan	60	...			
4.48	-do- Warrants	9½	-1	...		
77.50	Dunedin Smlr	116	+2	...	3.6	...
269.70	-do- Wrlde	805	+17	...	1.5	...
96.50	Ed'burgh	322	+1	...	3.4	...
567.90	Electra Inv	328	+1	...	2.7	...
192.90	Electric Gen	202 †	+3	...	2.0	∞
7.50	Eng & Scot	171	+3	...		
80.30	European Asset	322 †	+1	...	1.9	...
17.20	Fessburn 'A'	185	+2	3.0	2.4	...
208.10	Fleming Amer	310 †	+6	...	0.4	...
53.90	Fleming Chinese	99½	...			
5.55	-do- Warrants	47	-2	...		
114.60	-do- Claver	215 †	...	...	3.2	...
226.40	-do- Contl	350	+3	...	0.8	...
95.20	-do- Emrg	233	+4	...	2.9	...
557.90	-do- F East	389	+4	1.3	0.5	...
47.20	-do- Fledg	255 †	+1	...	1.9	...
32.70	-do- H. Inc	121	+1	...	5.4	...
478.90	-do- Japan	227	+2	...	0.2	...
432.90	-do- Merc	299½	+7½	...	2.6	...
414.30	-do- Overs	372	+5	4.2	1.7	...
1,918.70	Foreign & Col	164½	+1½	...	1.6	...
134.30	-do- Eng Mkts	134	+6	...	0.3	...
88.20	-do- Enterprise	72½	+2	...	1.0	...
167.50	-do- Emrgc	265	+3	...	0.6	...
57.40	-do- German	136	+3	...	0.5	...
980.20	-do- Pacific	319	+2	...	0.8	...
196.20	-do- Smaller	107½	+1½	...	1.4	∞
189.10	GT Japan	271	+3	...	0.6	...
34.00	Genl Cons Cap	188	+5	...		
39.90	-do- Inc	110 †	...	...	9.0	...
36.20	Greenf Inv Smlr	245	-1	...		
44.90	-do- Emrg Mkts	125 †	+1½	...	0.2	∞
15.70	-do- Global Smlr	86	+2	...		
47.90	-do- High Inc	91	...	...	7.0	...
72.50	-do- Oriental	421	+5	...	0.3	...
257.70	Govett Strategic	262	+3	...	1.2	...
49.80	Greenfriar	420 †	+7	...	2.2	...
0.81	Gresham House	19	...			
43.10	Herald	47	+1	...		
	Int Biotech	96	...			
	-do- Warrants	48	...			
139.90	Inv Cap	137 †	+4	...	4.7	...
1.80	IBS Uk Smlr	159	...	...	3.2	...
39.70	INVESCO Eng	155	+9	...		
27.90	Electwor Wpd	219½	+4½	...	2.9	...
408.20	-do- Euro Pref	81½	+1½	...		
31.50	-do- Euro Wts	31½	+1	...		
169.70	-do- Oreas	280	+1½	...	1.7	...
18.30	-do- Sthr	176	+1	...	3.2	...
172.70	Law Debenture	761 †	+10½	...	3.2	...
109.70	Majedie	208	+1	...	3.0	...
204.40	Merchants	129 †	+5	...	3.0	...
161.20	Mercury Euro Pr	86	+1½	...		
41.20	-do- Warrants	39	+3	...		
447.70	-do- World Mng	127	-3	...		
11.70	-do- World Wts	36½	-1½	...		
4,706.00	Merrill Lynch	2307½	+87½	...		
427.60	Mntn Inv Tst	551	+6	...	1.6	...
56.40	Morg Grenf Inc	162	+1	...	4.0	...
2.57	-do- Warrants	53	+2	...		
63.90	-do- Latin Amer	69½	+2½	...		
9.51	-do- Warrants	58½	+8½	...		
33.40	Murray Ent	126	+3	...	2.0	...
1.88	-do- Warrants	39	+2	...		
18.40	Murray Euro	81½	+½	...	0.6	...
1.05	-do- Wts	17½	...			
302.50	Murray Income	358	+6	11.3	3.9	...
425.50	-do- Intl	354 †	+3½	...	4.1	...
272.60	-do- Small	486 †	+6	...	1.1	∞
7.12	-do- S/C Inc	89 †	...	...	14.9	...
8.28	-do- S/C Cap	148	+1	...		
1.58	-do- S/C Uts	3050 †	-100	...	4.3	...
30.40	-do- S/C DP	162	...			
83.00	-do- Vent	336	+5	...	4.1	...
25.00	Nthing Inc	64	+2	...	9.3	...
143.60	O'seas Inv Tst	331	+1	...	1.0	...
3.25	-do- Warrants	209	+4	...		
109.10	Pacific Assets	535	+23	...	0.3	...
14.00	-do- Warrants	423	+30	...		
12.30	Personal Assets	3050	...	195	3.1	∞
330.10	RIT Cap Ptnr	183	+1	...	1.0	...
22.70	River & Merc	113 †	+½	...	10.2	...
	Roneco	435	+10	...	2.9	...
	Rolinco	445	+18	...	1.7	...
180.10	St Andrew Inv	320 †	-4½	...	3.1	...
374.50	Scot American	167½	-½	...	3.6	...
59.60	Scot Asian	384	+8	...		
5.55	-do- Warrants	795	+23	...		
548.10	-do- Eastern	86½	+½	...	2.3	...
581.90	Scottish	228½	+2½	...	2.7	∞
862.10	-do- Mtge	239	+3	...	2.1	...
39.40	-do- Value	118	+1	...	2.1	...
318.70	Second Alince	1660	+12	...	3.0	...
285.10	Secs Tst of Scot	89	+1½	...	4.6	...
46.00	Selective Asset	159	...	...	1.1	...
55.80	Sphere Inv	46 †	...	...	9.2	...
70.90	TR Far East	170 †	+6½	...	3.6	...
301.30	TR City Of Lon	151½	+1½	...	4.0	...
153.40	TR Pacific	114½	+4½	...	0.2	...
144.70	TR Property	35	+½	...	3.2	...
47.60	TR Tech Inv	131 †	+2	...	1.7	...
376.00	TR Smir Cos	211 †	+4½	...	2.3	∞
206.90	Temple Bar	361 †	+4½	...	4.7	...
114.60	Thrtn Asian E	114½	+2½	...	0.5	...
346.10	Throgmorton	81 †	...	...	3.5	...
19.10	Thrug Dual Cp	545	-3	...		
94.10	USDC Invest	257	-3	...	2.2	...
51.80	Value Inc Tst	120½	...	...	4.1	...
878.20	Witan	234 †	+2	...	2.1	...
1,130.20	Transatlantic	394	-4	...	4.1	33.3
445.30	Utd Friendly	543	+3	...	3.8	27.9
642.70	Willis Corroon	153½	+½	...	5.4	13.6
7.10	Windsor	21	+½	...	...	16.5

LEISURE

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408.40	Airtours	450	-8	...	2.5	15.6
16.80	Ald Leis	34	...	...	15.6	7.8
251.80	Alpha Airpts	167	+3	...	3.0	∞
21.90	Baldwin	115	...	...	3.8	15.1
28.60	Barr & W 'A'	287	+5	...	4.4	12.7
68.00	Boosey Hwks	350	+10	...	1.8	21.1
19.40	Border TV	190 †	+2	...	2.6	15.9
14.10	Brent Walker	4	-½	...		
9.10	Bristol Scots	150	+20	...		
3.32	Buckingham Int	2½	+½	...		
4.58	Campari	44	...			
288.40	Capital Radio	395	-11	...	2.0	34.8
2,004.40	Carlton Comm	883 †	-3	...	2.8	19.5
24.20	Castle Comm	355	...	...	3.2	22.4
56.40	Chrysalis	210	+19	3.2	1.9	...
818.00	Compass Gp	344	-6	...	2.5	20.3
75.20	Eurocamp	286 †	-15	9.9	4.3	11.8
971.60	Euro Disney	127	-1	...		
25.80	Euro Leisure	3½	...			
14.90	Fairline Boats	425	+15	...	3.5	29.6
469.00	First Leisure	287	+½	...	2.9	18.9
378.60	Flextech	406	-2	...		
62.80	GWR Gp	903 †	-12	...	1.5	32.7
41.50	Grampian	294	+9	...	3.2	15.7
139.00	HTV Group	159	+2	...	0.6	43.9
37.90	Hi-Tec Sports	78	+3	...	4.4	11.5
33.10	Kunick	13½	...			
174.80	London Clubs	347	+6	...	6.0	12.6
81.80	Man Utd	664	...	...	3.8	26.8
32.10	My Kinda Town	13½	-½	...		
16.90	Northern	52	...	...	2.4	10.0
165.40	Owners Abrd	106	+2	...	4.2	...
66.40	The Pelican Gp	94 †	+3	...	1.5	∞
11.40	Prism Leisure	135 †	-11	...	3.9	9.5
10.30	Quadrant Gp	28	...			
29.30	Ramsdens (H)	275 †	-3	...	2.0	41.4
56.60	Scott Radio	620	+5	...	2.1	24.2
20.80	Scot TV	428	+15	...	3.6	23.5
37.20	SelecTV	26	-½	...		
178.80	Stanley Leisure	333 †	...	...	2.0	∞
7.37	Sunset & Vine	124	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
1,030.40	Tarjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
17.10	Tottenham Hot	107	-2	...	2.3	48.9
70.00	Trans World	179	+1	...	0.9	65.3
65.00	Ulster TV	619	+38	...	3.0	23.2
57.50	VCI	148	...	...	4.6	13.2
94.60	Virdon	128	+4	...	1.1	22.7
178.00	Yorkshire TV	351	+33	...		
6.35	Zetters Gp	127 †	+2½	...	8.4	∞

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8,650.30	Ang Am	3712½	+125	...	1.9	34.5
677.00	Ang Am Coal	2689½	...	...	3.4	14.6
1,571.30	Ang Am Gold	6506¼	+171½	...	3.7	18.1
22.10	Anglo Pac Res	28½	-½	...		
1,090.20	Ashanti	1275	-25	...		
43.60	Bakyrchik	291	...			
38.00	Blyvoors	159½	+3	...		
3.16	Bracken	22½	...			
71.00	Buffels	649⅞	+11½	...	4.0	61.6
6.47	Butte	2½	...	...	8.5	∞
3,547.70	CRA	932	+18	...	2.3	28.9
35.60	Cluff Res	49	...			
64.40	Coal Inv	110	+8	...		
5,993.20	De Beers	1550	-112½	...	3.4	16.1
99.60	Deelkraal	108	+8½	...	3.6	...
25.80	Doornfontein	64½	...			
2,009.30	Driefontein	985	+31½	...	4.4	...
16.10	Durban	694½	-8½	...		
72.00	E Rand Gold	157	-3½	...	11.5	5.8
93.80	E Rand Prop	70½	...			
407.10	Elandsrand	419⅞	-½	...	3.9	9.6
1,171.90	FS Cons	985	+47½	...	7.2	10.0
11.60	FS Dev	52	...			
1,768.00	GFSA	1837½	+80	...	2.1	∞
2,533.10	Gencor	184	+9½	...	3.3	30.0
306.30	GM Kalgoorli	57½	+3½	...	2.5	21.1
16.10	Greenwich R'W	18½	...			
17.70	Grootvlei	155 †	-8½	...	3.8	...
103.30	Harmony	384½	+6	...		
369.80	Hartbes	325½	+9½	...	8.8	∞
878.10	Impala Plat	1387½	-18½	...	1.8	∞
174.40	Kinross	988⅞	-6½	...	5.0	∞
1,281.20	Kloof	938⅞	-51½	...	3.5	∞
16.30	Leslie	102 †	+9½	...	8.0	∞
65.50	Loraine	277½	+12½	...		
180.20	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	...
2,029.40	MIM	145	+3	...	1.6	60.8
3,605.00	Minorco	1600	+31½	...	2.4	19.2
1,147.80	Nth Brkn Hill	172	+2	...	3.1	23.2
9,093.00	RTZ	853	-18	...	3.0	24.3
22.70	Rand Mines	375	...	...	2.8	14.2
434.30	Randfontein	710½	+29½	...	4.6	∞
477.20	Renison	240	+22	...		
1,800.90	Rustnburg	1437½	-11	...	2.1	∞
62.60	St Helena	650 †	-8½	...	4.0	∞
472.30	Southvaal	1875⅞	+37½	...	4.8	20.7
16.00	Stilfontein	129⅞	+9½	...	22.1	∞
36.20	Unisel	129⅞	-2	...	3.5	∞
6,847.00	Vaal Reefs	5749⅞	+99½	...	4.6	9.3
362.70	Western Areas	912½	+18½	...	7.9	∞
760.30	Western Deep	2743⅞	-2½	...	3.8	9.4
3,933.00	Wstrn Mining	358 †	+18	...	1.5	∞
85.60	Winkels	703⅞	+15½	...	5.1	∞
69.90	Zambia Copper	52	...			
69.00	Zandpan	33	...	...	9.5	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5.66	Abbey Panels	283	...			
11.30	Airflow Streams	132	+17	3.0	2.8	19.9
85.00	Appleyard	128	-2	...	5.4	22.6
14.20	Blackley Mtr	308	-2	...	4.0	12.5
43.40	Boxmore	275	+36	...	2.7	26.0
1,908.40	Br Aerospace	503	+13	...	2.1	44.2
44.40	Bamfords	47 †	...	...	6.0	12.2
11.30	Caffyns	340	-22	...	4.2	22.9
37.00	Cawdale	17⅞	...	...	1.1	17.5
14.10	Central Mtrs	103	+2	...	4.3	25.3
18.40	Cook (DC)	47	...	...	3.0	∞
357.80	Cowie	250 †	-18	...	4.1	12.2
37.20	Dag Motors	156	-1	...	5.3	17.2
29.60	Davrgn Vern	136	...	...	2.6	15.5
29.50	ERF	305	+5	...	0.8	...
107.90	Eurodollar	220	-3	...	4.8	17.2
67.00	European Mtr	125	...	...	4.2	13.1
184.52	Evans Halshaw	441	...	...	4.1	13.7
225.30	FR Group	298	...	...	3.2	16.3
19,380.10	Ford Motor	1919½	+8½	...		
22,915.00	General Mtr	3225 †	...	...	1.6	...
6.82	Gowrings	75	...	...	3.3	...
138.30	Henlys	282	-1	...	3.2	20.1
10,665.50	Honda Motor	1095½	-15½	...	0.4	...
3.52	Jacks Wrhg	51	-5	...	...	17.7
259.60	Kwik-Fit	148½	-½	...	3.2	17.0
381.20	Lex Service	400 †	-30	...	4.2	15.3
49.70	Lookers	238 †	...	...	3.6	14.8
1,495.10	Lucas	195	-9	...	4.5	...
34.00	Mallett Grp	28	...	...	1.3	...
99.10	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.5	18.3
50.20	Perry Gp	200	-1	...	4.4	11.0
39.30	Quicks Group	171	-4	...	3.7	18.0
2,456.10	Rolls-Royce	200½	-2	...	2.1	35.4
1,253.00	T & N	249	-3	...	5.4	28.4
171.20	Trinity Hldgs	333	+7	...	2.3	24.1
85.20	Vosly Hlgs	184 †	-7	...	3.1	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
47.80	Adscene	297	...	5.7	2.4	30.4
3.05	Black (A&C)	325	...	...	5.2	13.6
220.20	Bunzl	263	-5	...	5.3	9.1
60.90	Bristol	375	...	...	4.1	25.8
[illegible]	Daily Mail	1369½	+10½	...	1.4	37.4
1,008.90	Daily Mail 'A'	1015½	+15½	...	1.9	23.6
300.60	Dorling Kind	310	-4	...	1.3	26.1
4,178.30	Elsevier	658⅞	+10½	...	3.1	20.2
740.20	EMAP	422	-4	...	2.6	23.6
402.10	Euromoney Pb	1303	-9	...	2.7	32.4
1.52	Harrington K	35 †	-7	...	9.6	...
68.20	Haynes Pub	440	...	...	2.5	24.8
128.20	Hodder H'line	353	...	...	1.9	37.5
14.70	Home Counts	147	...	...	3.4	36.0
81.40	Intl Bus Comm	380	...	...	1.2	13.0
6.34	Intl Cth & Dom	9½	+½	...		
362.40	Independent	308	...	...	3.1	10.5
295.30	Johnston Press	596	+2	3.0	1.9	21.5
48.88	MAID	60	-1	...		
47.60	Nrnl Ballon	483	-8	...	2.9	26.0
122.60	Midland Ind	101	...	...	3.3	12.0
594.60	Mirror Gp	143	-13	...	...	5.6
7,972.10	News Corp	429	+12	...	0.3	...
1,708.00	News Intl	256	+17	...	0.7	15.7
1,472.10	Pearson	629	...	...	3.6	22.5
82.20	Portsmth Sund	465	-3	...	1.9	∞
4,357.80	Reed Int	811	+8	...	3.0	24.3
34.30	Scotsmeer	226	...	...	1.8	29.4
49.80	Starling	192	...	...	2.1	12.6
311.70	Telegraph	378	-33	...	4.1	12.6
4,023.00	Thomson Corp	685 †	-12½	38.1	5.6	36.7
276.10	Trinity Intl	488	+2	...	3.0	18.9
3.95	Yuill Grp	37	+1	...		
1,330.00	Utd Newspaper	143	-18	...	3.1	34.0

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
64.20	Aran Energy	30	-1	...	...	21.8
36.30	Arcon Intl	48	...			
	Ass Oil & Gas	69½	-2½	...		
15.80	Atlantic Pt	43	-2	...		
2.36	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	44.8
99.90	Br Borneo	221	+2	...	4.0	11.4
13,097.70	British Gas	302	+14	...	6.0	...
22,677.30	BP	409⅞	+½	...	3.8	22.4
26.30	Bula Resources	3½	...			
1,768.00	Burmah Castrl	884	+11	...	3.8	16.8
51.80	Cairn Energy	83	...	...	...	44.1
49.60	Calor Gp	283	-7	...	5.5	16.5
181.40	Clyde Pet	41½	-1	...		
28.10	Copley	18½	...			
7.30	Edco Oil & Gas	21	...	...	...	22.7
1,908.00	Enterprise	405	-13	...	3.0	36.8
34.70	Fairbanks Intl	22½	-½	...	5.4	9.2
66.10	Fortune	8½	...			
98.60	Goal Pet	72	-1	...	3.4	19.0
50.30	Gt Western Res	45	-1	...		
147.70	Hardy O & G	143	-2	...	6.0	18.2
75.80	Kelt Energy	48	...	...	3.8	...
1,330.50	LASMO	157½	-4	...	8.8	...
4.19	-do- Units	50	...	9.4	20.0	...
472.60	Mhm	71	+1½	...	...	38.1
9.22	New London	6½	...			
140.60	Oil Search	46	...			
	Petrox	38½	+½	...		
82.70	Pict Pet	160	-2	...		
62.20	Plutonicrel	108	-2	...		
155.80	Premier	28½	+1	...		
32.60	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	
36.00	Ramco Egy	189	+28	...	0.3	
403.70	Ranger	410	-5	...	5.0	
37,888.30	Royal Dutch Pt	7066¼	-53½	...	4.5	
8,956.70	Schlumberger	3661¼	-93½	...	2.1	
32.40	Seafield	63	+9	...		
23,901.20	Shell	721	+1	...	4.2	
3.78	Sunrise Eng Sv	120	...			
12.30	Villiers Grp	10½	...			
1,520.70	Woodside	220	-1	...	1.7	
139.80	XCL	74	-5	...		

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26.50	AG Holdings	147	...	...	4.5	13.
80.70	API	377	...	...	2.9	23.
2,219.50	Arjo Wiggins	222	-10	...	3.0	41.
105.30	Abbott Mead	683	-1	...	1.0	36.
287.80	Anglo Gp	30½	...			
23.70	Aspen Comm	170	...	4.9	3.6	∞
1.66	BBB Design	20	...			
131.50	Bemrose	416	-2	...	3.5	14.
7.34	Birkdale	8	+½	...		
700.30	Bunzl	165	-2	...	3.1	22.2
59.70	CIA Gp	146	...	...	1.5	23.5
48.20	Capital Inds	174	-11	...	...	13.7
18.50	Chime Comm	33	...			
7.46	City of Lon	95	...	...	3.8	14.5
26.70	Crapper (Dum)	324	-6	...	1.4	16.3
6.78	Delyn Group	80	...	...	2.6	14.5
27.60	Dolphin Pack	118	-2	...	4.8	15.2
8.62	Dudley Jenkins	72 †	+2½	...	5.7	15.9
33.50	Elswick	16½	-½	...	2.5	17.9
28.60	Fairway Group	90	+2	...	4.9	16.6
113.50	Ferguson Intl	344	-11	...	4.5	14.7
17.40	Ferry Pick	130	+1	...	5.4	...
53.00	Filofax	200	-2	...	1.1	19.7
4.86	Finch	13	...			
12.40	Gibbon Lyons	137 †	+3	...	5.0	∞
47.50	Gold Greenlees	180	...	...	3.7	∞
11.30	Goodhead	28	...	...	0.2	∞
3.22	Hunterprint	9	-10	...		
6.80	Interprint	132	...	...	7.4	11.9
109.90	Jarvis Porter	277½	+½	...	2.3	19.9
16.40	Lopex	31	...	...	1.0	35.0
114.70	More O'Ferrall	353	-1	...	4.7	20.4
25.70	Osborne & Little	420	-6	...	1.9	15.3
10.20	Osprey Comms	39	-1	...	0.2	...
430.90	Porvals	666	-4	...	3.0	19.4
5.78	Premier Hlth	2	...			
48.20	Quarto	262	+2	...	2.9	14.3
364.70	St Ives Gp	368	+3	...	2.0	25.8
374.20	Saatchi	170	-2	...	...	34.4
1,228.30	Sappi	818½	+34½	...	12.6	5.0
16.00	Serif	21½	-4	...		
60.00	Shandwick	49⅞	...	...	1.2	7.0
887.50	Smith David	570 †	+11	...	2.4	∞
1,896.70	Smurfit (Jeff)	389	-6	...	1.3	55.4
1.84	Sonic	92	-2	...	3.4	∞
46.70	Stat-Plus	337	...	...	5.1	20.6
74.50	Taylor Nelson	34	...	...	1.7	28.4
14.10	VTR	135	+2	...	3.7	21.4
16.80	WMGO	29½	+½	...	2.5	∞
659.40	WPP	121	+4	...	1.1	∞
196.00	Wace	250	+9	...	1.8	24.3
227.90	Waddingtn (J)	220	+11	...	4.8	10.8
283.00	Watmough	423	...	...	2.0	26.8
2.58	Whitney Mck	39	...			
20.90	Wyndeham	127	...	...	2.2	18.4

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
79.30	Allied Lon	114	-1	...	4.0	15.3
27.00	Arcadian	40	...			
147.10	Argent	268	...			
15.80	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...			
93.70	Asda	119	...	...	2.3	21.1
58.70	Avonside	135	...	...	3.9	15.8
6,776.90	BCE	2212½	+40½	...		
226.80	Bilton	258	...	...	4.7	18.8
51.70	Bourne End	93	...	...	1.3	...
336.20	Bradford	232	-1	...	3.5	16.3
3.67	Bredero	10	...	...	...	7.3
1,266.30	Br Land	413 †	-6	...	2.3	39.9
8.47	Brightstone	121	-2	...	3.9	22.4
481.90	Brixton	207	+3	...	4.8	18.1
106.10	Burford	103	-2	...	1.7	33.2
71.60	Cap & Regnl	157	...	...	1.2	61.9
775.30	Cap Shop Ctrs	213	-8	...	3.8	51.3
11.30	Cardiff Prop	303 †	-15	...	1.0	62.8
271.40	Chelsfield	173	+1	...	1.7	42.7
105.20	Chesterfield	534	...	...	2.8	24.0
10.00	City Site Ests	65	-4	...		
14.60	Clarke Nickolls	9	...	...	...	18.3
6.45	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
47.90	Conrad Ritbt GS	40	...			
246.10	Daejan	1510 †	-3	...	2.4	17.6
4.02	Dares Estates	11½	...			
48.20	Debenham Twsn	115 †	...	...	3.8	18.6
4.13	De Morgan	8½	+1½	...		
30.10	Denzure	169	...	...	2.4	47.5
82.70	Derwent Hldgs	266	+1	...	2.1	23.7
65.30	Development Sec	22½	...			
25.70	Dwyer	50	+3	...		
24.00	Estates Agency	415 †	...	...	3.2	50.1
5.67	Estates Gen	28½	...			
157.80	Evans Of Leeds	119 †	...	...	2.7	20.8
34.50	Ex-Lands	31	...	...	1.4	...
30.20	Fiscal Prop	69	...			
25.80	Five Oaks	26½	...	...	0.9	...
5.55	Fletcher King	64 †	...	...	2.9	∞
223.10	Frogmore	441	-2	...	4.6	19.4
34.70	Grainger	223	-4	...	2.5	48.4
643.60	Gt Portland	202	+3	...	3.0	38.5
255.30	Greycoat	15 †	...			
4,388.80	HK Land	163	-8½	...	0.5	∞
186.00	Hambro Cntryw	56½	...	...	1.7	37.4
913.50	Hammerson	344	...	...	3.6	34.5
59.60	Helical Bar	387	...	...	2.8	14.2
54.00	Hemingway	33	+½	...	1.5	56.7
8.16	Hurling Baker	51	-1	...	3.7	...
3.40	Jermyn	170	-7	...	...	33.1
3,355.80	Land Sec	658	-2	...	4.6	18.7
228.40	Lon Merch Sec	94 †	-1	...	5.6	13.8
4.55	Lon & Metro	10	...	...	...	0.5
1,860.00	MEPC	487	-1	...	5.5	26.3
3.91	McInerney A	6½	...			
44.30	McKay Secs	185 †	...	...	3.5	∞
10.20	Merivale Moor	75	...			
22.90	Moorfield Est	34	+3	...	3.2	...
38.20	Mountview	1225	...	...	2.3	12.2
160.10	Macklow (A&J)	164	...	...	4.7	23.8
2.02	MIM	33	+1	...		
18.40	Olives Prop	39	...	...	...	14.6
197.30	PSIT	162 †	...	...	3.6	22.9
230.70	Peel	284	-2	...	2.2	∞
6.10	Power Corp	5½	+½	...		
13.70	Premier Land	6	...			
31.60	Raglan	33½	+1	...	...	12.3
32.20	Regalian	27½	-½	...	...	10.4
21.90	Rowlinson Secs	175	...	...	1.3	11.1
20.30	Rugby Est	115	...	...	2.4	...
59.80	St Modwen Prp	51 †	...	...	2.9	12.7
63.00	Savills Grds (I)	63	...	...	5.5	∞
30.30	Savills	80 †	-1	...	3.5	∞
110.80	Scot Met	85	-1	...	2.3	...
52.10	Shaftesbury	107	-1	...		
0.82	Shield	8½	...	...	...	4.5
981.50	Slough Estates	255	-3	...	4.0	41.8
72.00	Southend Prop	67 †	+1	...	4.5	∞
41.50	Stanhope Prps	25	-1	...		
47.20	TH	39½	...	...	...	2.1
87.50	Tops Ests	189 †	-3	...	1.5	45.0
122.60	Town Centre	119	...	...	3.2	21.3
63.10	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.9	21.4
1.85	UK Land	43	+2	...		
117.10	Warner	341	-1	...	5.9	22.8
98.20	Warnford	255	+4	...	4.2	19.0
2.76	Waterglade	2½	-1	...		
138.90	Wates	70	-1	...		
6.56	Wood John D	88 †	...	...	3.1	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2.34	Ammonigica	41	...			
18.30	Lambert	148	...	...	6.3	6.5
15.20	Pittards	70	...	...	1.8	...
32.40	Strong & Fisher	19	...	...	6.6	13.0
45.90	Style	240 †	+3	...	2.1	23.1
20.00	UK Safety	52	...	...	6.2	10.9

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
170.30	Allied Text	488 †	-½	...	3.4	15.0
6.80	Beckman (A)	54	...	...	8.3	11.6
3.35	Bolton Gp	18 †	+1	...		
8.43	Brackenbridge	9½	...			
25.20	Br Mohair	190	+4	...	5.6	25.8
140.90	Claremont Ga	315	-5	...	3.2	16.6
511.60	Courtauld Text	305	+6	...	3.5	20.0
296.80	Dawson	152	...	...	2.5	...
5.05	Drummond	32	...	...	...	14.2
8.64	Foxpak	34 †	...	...	8.3	12.5
2.81	Foster (John)	25	...			
6.80	Gaskell	140	...	...	3.8	...
55.30	Hickson Plc	28	...	...	9.0	11.5
58.20	Hicking Pntcst	250	...	...	2.3	12.7
4.68	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	1.0	31.4
118.60	Lamont	394	...	...	4.0	15.1
81.50	Leeds	285	+3	...	2.6	14.5
6.06	Lyles (S)	84	+2	...	4.1	...
18.20	Parkland	206	+9	...	2.0	12.3
163.30	Readicut	84	-2	...	5.1	14.4
1.89	SEET	47	-1	...		
57.80	Shiloh	107½	-½	...	6.3	7.4
54.10	Stirling Gp	82	...	...	3.9	∞
21.20	Stoddard	35	-1	...	5.7	13.2
15.70	Tomkinsons	253	...	...	3.7	23.8
16.10	West Trust	38	...	...	8.8	25.0
28.30	Yorklyde	284	-9	...	2.6	13.8

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,098.50	BAT	425 †	-3	...	6.1	11.1
2,881.80	Rothmans	404 †	+34	...	4.1	21.5

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,073.90	Assoc Br Ports	285	+1	...	2.0	27.2
3,212.20	BAA	510	+13	...	2.2	21.7
147.80	Bridgeline	117	...	...	4.4	...
3,853.40	Br Airways	403½	-20½	...	3.4	12.7
19.50	Clarkson (H)	87	+2	...	2.5	21.9
1,351.00	Eurotunnel Uts	304	+13	...		
13.20	Fisher (James)	55	...			
44.10	Intl Somar	147	+2	...	3.7	11.2
16.30	Jacobs (J)	48	+6	...	4.3	...
48.00	Lon O'Seas Frt	45	-1	...	5.2	2.1
380.00	Mersey Docks	434	...	...	2.6	21.9
131.30	Nat Express	328	+1	...	2.9	20.4
1,399.90	NFC	202 †	-7	...	4.4	31.0
414.80	Ocean Group	300	+3	...	6.7	13.3
31.80	Ocean Wilson	30	+10	...	5.0	10.3
4,226.00	P & O Dfd	702	+8	...	5.4	25.0
134.60	P & O 5 1/2%	107	-1	...	3.7	...
386.10	Powell Duffryn	563	-8	...	5.1	13.6
31.30	Seacon	96	-1	...	3.4	19.3
279.00	Stagecoach	197	-2	...	2.6	∞
718.10	TNT	125	+1	...		
37.40	Tibbet & Britn	855	-8	14.2	2.1	21.0
28.30	Tiphook	75	+2	...		
337.30	TDG	227	+8	...	5.3	15.0
21.30	Upland	121 †	...	...	0.8	∞
34.20	Utd Carriers	101	...			

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,682.40	Anglian Water	557 †	+19½	...	5.1	14.5
30.40	Mid Kent Hldgs	298	...	...	4.0	10.0
482.80	Northumbrian	711 †	+43	...	4.3	7.7
2,122.40	North West	589 †	+38	...	5.1	8.5
2,128.40	Severn Trent	581 †	+36	...	5.2	8.3
999.60	Sthrn Water	595 †	+46	...	4.9	8.6
93.70	Sth Staffs	1673	+21	...	3.9	11.1
889.40	South West	533 †	+18	...	6.0	7.9
2,113.00	Thames Water	536⅞	+17	...	5.3	9.2
464.00	Welsh Water	683 †	+29	...	4.8	7.3
834.60	Wessex Water	604 †	+37	...	4.4	8.6
1,102.60	Yorkshire W	551 †	+14½	...	8.2	8.3

Source: Finstat

▲ USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. * Ex rights issue. ↓ Ex all. ¶ Ex capital distribution. ∞ Figures or report awaited. ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	100		8.93	5.40
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	102		11.69	5.62
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	96		3.05	5.42
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	101		9.92	6.37
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	106		11.93	6.80
770	Treas 14% 1996	109		12.82	7.01
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	112		13.57	7.27
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	109		12.11	7.31
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	104		9.58	7.68
1,250	Treas 13¼% 1997	111		11.87	7.83
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	105		9.95	7.96
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101 †		8.62	8.14
830	Exch 15% 1997	118		12.66	8.24
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	103		9.38	8.35
7,850	Treas 7¼% 1998	96		7.51	8.33
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94		7.12	8.37
770	Treas 14% 1998-01	116		11.97	8.57
935	Treas 15½% 1998	123		12.50	8.41
1,300	Exch 12% 1998	111		10.72	8.54
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	102		9.20	8.54

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,900	Treas 9% 1999	[illegible]		[illegible]	8.47
7,090	Exch 12¼% 1999	[illegible]		10.82	8.67
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.51	8.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.64	8.71
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	[illegible]		8.87	8.69
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	[illegible]		10.96	8.93
2,650	Treas 7% 2001	[illegible]		7.69	8.66
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	[illegible]		9.49	8.84
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	[illegible]		9.30	8.86
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	[illegible]		8.40	8.75
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	[illegible]		9.36	8.86
1,520	Treas 11½% 2001-04	[illegible]		10.28	9.05
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	[illegible]		4.87	7.53
6,250	Treas 6¾% 2004	[illegible]		7.26	8.66
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	[illegible]		9.11	8.82
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	[illegible]		9.07	8.77
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	[illegible]		10.37	9.12
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	[illegible]		8.50	8.77
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	[illegible]		8.36	8.70
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	[illegible]		10.22	9.14
5,897	Treas 8½% 2007	[illegible]		8.64	8.60
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	[illegible]		10.80	9.12
5,721	Treas 9% 2008	[illegible]		8.78	8.66

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
5,100	Treas 8% 2009	[illegible]		8.47	8.65
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	[illegible]		8.72	8.62
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	[illegible]		8.71	8.60
1,500	Treas 5½% 2008-12	[illegible]		7.48	8.38
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	[illegible]		8.40	8.54
4,950	Treas 8% 2013	[illegible]		8.48	8.56
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	[illegible]		9.35	8.77
6,953	Treas 8¾% 2017	[illegible]		8.56	8.53

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	[illegible]		8.50	
475	Treas 3%	[illegible]		8.01	

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	[illegible]		2.45	1.77
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	[illegible]		2.67	3.00
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	[illegible]		3.30	3.72
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	[illegible]		3.45	3.76
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	[illegible]		3.61	3.96
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	[illegible]		3.48	3.74
1,650	Treas IL 2½% 2009	[illegible]		3.54	3.77
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2011	[illegible]		3.58	3.78
2,380	Treas IL 2½% 2013	[illegible]		3.60	3.78
2,590	Treas IL 2½% 2016	[illegible]		3.63	3.80
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	[illegible]		3.67	3.82
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	[illegible]		3.66	3.79
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	[illegible]		3.69	3.83

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Savoy denies secret pact with Forte


Forte: takeover dream

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SOME sagas refuse to end. The Savoy Group yesterday denied a report that it has reached a secret peace treaty with its arch-rival Forte, the hotelier that owns 68 per cent of Savoy shares but does not control the votes.

The two hotel groups have been negotiating all summer to break the impasse between them. Forte, chaired by Rocco Forte, son of the founder, Lord Forte, has long dreamt of a full takeover, but has been frustrated by the Savoy's twin-tier share structure.

The latest attempt to bring the two together was by Morgan Stanley, the American investment bank, known to have developed a scheme to put all Savoy's hotels, which, as well as its eponymous London flagship, include the Connaught and Claridge's, into a joint venture with Forte's exclusive names. These include the Grosvenor House and the Hyde Park.

A joint venture associating the Savoy with such prestigious names, Morgan Stanley is thought to believe, would serve to overcome the Savoy's unwillingness to become enmeshed with what it views as the more downmarket Forte chain.

The Americans have tried to enlist the support of the Hon John Sinclair, who represents three family trusts that hold a total of 40 per cent of Savoy voting capital. With his support in the Forte camp, the latter would have more than 80 per cent of the votes and clear control.

Mr Sinclair is thought to have been offered the chairmanship of the joint venture for his pains. However, the plan, reported over the weekend as finding favour with all parties, was comprehensively rejected by a Savoy spokesman last night.

"No agreement has been struck between the company and any individual shareholder," he said. "If any agreement had been struck, it would have been announced in a formal manner."

In a replay of the hostile exchanges that have marked the Savoy-Forte battles in recent years, the spokesman added: "If Mr Forte is claiming to have reached a secret agreement, he should perhaps make it less secret and put it to all shareholders."

Forte is believed to feel that the family trusts have a fiduciary requirement to accept its advances, although the company was not commenting yesterday.

However, it is thought that the latest proposals are no more likely to find favour with the Savoy's Wontner and D'Oyly Carte families than earlier attempts at *rapprochement* by Forte.

Rentokil expected to hit profits target

IF **Rentokil** is to maintain its remarkable record of 20 per cent profits growth, it will need to produce interim pre-tax profits of at least £30.5 million on Thursday, when it announces results to end of June.

The environmental and property care group, where Clive Thompson is chief executive, made £67.1 million last time, and analysts think that it will hit its target with £1 million to spare. The dividend, 0.84p last year, should top 1p.

Most of the growth will come from operations in America and Asia. Securiguard, which was acquired in the middle of 1993, makes a maiden contribution to interim figures.

[redacted]

Interims: Fidelity European Values, Hibernian, MTM. **Finals:** Aerospace Engineering, Coventry Building Society. **Economic statistics:** UK output, income, and expenditure (Q2), national accounts advance annual estimates (1993), balance of payments advance annual estimates (1993).

[redacted]

Consolidation rather than growth will be reflected when Thorn EMI produces first-quarter figures for the first time. On the music side, the release of new albums has been unspectacular, Jason Holden, of NatWest Securities, says.

A record of disappointing shareholders has marred **Graseby**, the electronics group, and investors may have to wait until next year for a solid advance. Little improvement is expected on last year's interim pre-tax profit of £4.9 million, but after the cut in the final dividend last time, the market will want to see if the 3.3p interim dividend stays intact.

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Interims: Friendly Hotels, Graseby, Kerry Group, Murray International Trust, Scottish Eastern Investment, Thorn EMI (Q1), Wace. **Finals:** Eaglet Investment Trust. **Economic statistics:** Capital expenditure (Q2, provisional), stocks and work in progress (Q2, provisional).

[redacted]

WH Smith should unveil full-year pre-tax profits of £124 million, up from last year's £113.8 million, according to the City consensus, but forecasts range between £108 million and £136 million. A rise in total dividend to about 15.3p, from 14.2p, is expected.

Productivity gains, rather than rising sales, have underpinned **Marley**, the building materials group, so any sign of growing volumes will be encouraging. If all has gone well in the half year to June, interim pre-tax profits could leap by nearly 40 per cent to £18 million. Robert Donald, of NatWest Securities, says that profits are up in all the group's areas, apart from South Africa, where the market slowed before the general election.

Interims: S Daniels, Duriedin Income Growth Investment Trust, EFT, Gartmore, Gibbs & Dandy, Invesco, JOS Holdings, Latin American Investment Trust, M&G Income Investment Trust, M&G Recovery Investment Trust, Marley, Mersey Docks and Harbour, Mayflower, Monument Oil & Gas, Parity, Senior Engineering, Slough Estates, Telegraph, Victaulic. **Finals:** Farringford, W H Smith, Throgmorton 1000. **Economic statistics:** Welsh agricultural statistics (1994).

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A long haul is in prospect for **Willis Corroon**. The insurance broker has said this year's profits will not match last year's. Smith New Court expects first-half pre-tax profit to be down from £63.1 million to £51 million, but hopes the quarterly dividend stays at 1.65p. If profits pass £53 million, the City will be content.

Forecasts for **Guardian**, the insurer, are £88 million to £139 million pre-tax profit by old accounting rules; under new rules to include capital gains and losses, estimates vary still more, with losses of at least £255 million and perhaps as much as £382 million forecast.

Interims: Bridon, British Asset Trust (Q3), Delaney, Graham, Guardian, Hambro Countrywide, Life Sciences International, Quicks, Rentokil, Scottish Investment Trust (Q3), Shorco, Weir, Willis Corroon. **Finals:** News International, Roxspur, Select Industries, Welsh Industrial Investment Trust. **Economic statistics:** Engineering orders at current and constant prices (June); vehicle registrations (July).

[redacted]

Interims: Baillie Gifford Shin, Baldwin, Fleming Claverhouse, Pegasus, Sunleigh. **Finals:** New London. **Economic statistics:** CBI trends (August); major British banking groups' mortgage lending (July); government deficit and debt under Maastricht treaty (1993-94).



RODNEY HOBSON Clive Thompson, of Rentokil, which has seen growth in US and Asian operations

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Eurotunnel denies plans to cut fares

EUROTUNNEL has denied stories that it is poised to cut fares in response to the cross-Channel price war between ferry companies. But, at the same time, it admits that fares announced earlier this year may change once the passenger and instant-ticket motorail services start full-scale operations in the autumn. A spokesman said: "At the moment, all we are doing is concentrating on setting up the remaining services. We won't even consider looking at pricing until they are fully operational. What is going on between the ferries at the moment is their problem."

Staff and commercial contacts are currently taking part in a series of practice runs on both the passenger trains and the turn-up-and-drive-on service for motorists. Both services are likely to be granted full operating licences some time in the autumn, probably the end of September or the beginning of October. There are no indication as to which will start first. But, even when they are fully up and running, they are unlikely to charge the fares announced earlier this year. Instead, they will probably be offered concessionary prices and cut-price deals, certainly for the first few months.

Tel Aviv shares suffer

MASSIVE selling marked the reopening of trading on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE), after a two-session break imposed in response to the Treasury's shock announcement last week of a planned capital gains tax. Ten minutes into the session, sell orders in blue-chip shares totalled 1.16 billion shekels ($383 million), according to TASE figures. There were no buy orders. Avraham Shohat, Finance Minister, and Jacob Frenkel, Bank of Israel governor, had earlier urged investors not to dump shares and said a strong Israeli economy would help to buoy the market. Treasury officials, anxious to forestall panic after announcement of the planned tax on share dealing profits, said investor losses might also be offset.

Compel Group to float

ONE of Britain's biggest computer consultancies is coming to the stock market with a possible value of £25 million. Compel Group will be one of a number of stock market debutantes encouraged by the recent strength of the market. The group is floating next month by means of a placing by Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, the French broker. About £4.5 million is being raised as fresh capital. Compel provides computer systems to a number of big corporations, and bodies such as the Post Office and the Securities and Investments Board. Results to be published in the prospectus show turnover of £54.5 million and pre-tax profits of £2.1 million. The company was the subject of a management buyout in 1987. A third of the staff are shareholders.

Rolls looks to Germany

ROLLS-ROYCE Motor Cars is expected to announce this year that it is entering into partnership with either Mercedes or BMW to develop a new range of luxury cars. Several motor manufacturers are said to have expressed an interest in a joint venture, but the two German companies have been tipped as front-runners. The deal is likely to involve the supply of components, notably engines, in exchange for a stake in the new venture. Rolls's parent, Vickers, has acknowledged that a partner might be needed to help fund the development of new models, to be marketed under the Rolls and Bentley marques. The move could halve development costs estimated at £200 million.

Vet group eyes humans

BY OUR DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

MINISTERING to the needs of the four-legged has stood the Veterinary Drug Company in good stead for the past third of a century. But ambitious new management is looking at extending its business to serve human patients for the first time.

The company was founded in 1959 by a group of vets who clubbed together to create their own pharmaceutical distribution system.

Roland Denning, former deputy chief executive of Sears, the retail combine that owns Selfridge's, joined as chairman in 1991, the next year bringing on board Ernie Fisher as managing director. The Veterinary Drug Company last week announced pre-tax profits 39 per cent ahead at £1.05 million.

Pictured in London's Hyde Park stables with Cedric, well-known horse about town and star of commercials by, among others, Norwich Union, the two are looking at a full stock market quotation within two years, upgrading from the company's current status as a stock traded on a matched bargain basis.

Before that, the company wants the big acquisition that will extend it from its veterinary roots. "Our plans at this stage are to make it clear that our doors are open and we have the management, having turned the business around, to look at other businesses," said Mr Denning. "We're good at managing relatively low-technology businesses, so it might be distribution, perhaps, or some sort of retailing."


Roland Denning, left, and Ernie Fisher want a full stock market listing for the group

Rate cut may boost the City

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE cost of renting offices in London is set to plummet under the impact of the 1995 rating revaluation. Market estimates suggest that rate bills for occupiers could be cut by as much as 50 per cent in the capital.

The change could set off a rush to develop property in the City. Occupiers are hoping for big savings, as rates currently account for as much as 40 per cent of the total outgoings for a typical company renting space in the Square Mile.

According to Grimley JR Eve, the surveyor, the tax bill could halve for occupiers in the City. Rates are currently as high as £25 per sq ft. Add to that rents and service charges and the total outgoing comes to about £60 per sq ft.

The full effect of the change could come in phases if the Government is keen to avoid a sudden drop in revenue. Surveyors are divided on the impact of the fall in the tax burden on rents.

Duncan Locke, of Grimley, believes rents could rise. He said: "My view is that the rates will encourage occupiers to bid more when they find themselves in competition on a building."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MONOPOLIES AND MERGERS COMMISSION REPORT ON THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING SERVICES AT LARGE EXHIBITION HALLS IN LONDON

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry intends to make an order in relation to the supply of electrical contracting services at large exhibition halls in London. Before making the order he is required, under section 91(2) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 ("the Act"), to publish a notice so that anyone with an interest in the matter may make representations to him.

1. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission's report: "Electrical Contracting at Exhibition Halls in London: A report on the supply in Greater London of electrical contracting services at large exhibition halls" ("the Report") was presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry by command of Her Majesty and published in April 1990 (Cm. 995).
2. The MMC concluded that a complex monopoly existed involving a number of electrical contractors which participated in arrangements with the owners of large London exhibition halls whereby the electrical contractors were awarded some or all of the work at those exhibition halls. The MMC found the following facts to be against the public interest:
   (a) The participation of electrical contractors in tying arrangements with hall owners as a result of which persons exhibiting in large London exhibition halls belonging to the hall owner were required to use the services of the tied electrical contractor.
   (b) The payment of commission by electrical contractors to hall owners.
   (c) The failure of electrical contractors to show the prices for their services separately from the hall owners' charges for electricity and mains connection.
   (d) Where an exhibition organiser and a hall owner are part of the same group of interconnected bodies corporate the provision of electrical contracting services by a member of that group at exhibitions organised by that organiser in large London halls belonging to that hall owner.
3. The Secretary of State intends to make an order under sections 56(2) and 90(2) and (4) of, and paragraphs 1, 2, 5, and 9 of Schedule 8 to the Act for the purpose of remedying or preventing the adverse effects specified in the Report.

The nature of the proposed provisions

4. Exhibition halls to which the order will apply are those in Greater London with a floor area used for holding exhibitions which exceeds 2,500 square metres. The definitions of "hall owners" and "exhibition organisers" will extend to all other companies in groups of which they are members. Hall owners and exhibition organisers which are members of the same group of companies are described as "connected". "Electrical Contracting Services" will not include connection to the mains.
5. The order will apply to agreements between a hall owner and a unconnected exhibition organiser which impose any limitations on the persons who may provide electrical contracting services at an exhibition hall. The order will make it unlawful to make or carry out such agreements after a specified date and will require existing agreements to be terminated by that date. There will be two exceptions. The order will permit a hall owner to impose objectively justifiable safety requirements on the supply of electrical contracting services by limiting to a specified number the persons who may supply such services at particular exhibition; and by permitting the hall owner to veto the use of any particular contractor on the grounds that he does not meet an objectively justifiable safety standard.
6. The order will apply to agreements between a hall owner and an electrical contractor which provide for the hall owner to receive any valuable benefit for requiring or promoting the use of the electrical contracting services of that person at an exhibition hall. The order will make it unlawful to make or carry out agreements to the above effect after a specified date and will require existing agreements to be terminated by that date.
7. Where an exhibition organiser and a hall owner are connected, the order will apply to any agreement between an exhibitor at a hall belonging to that hall owner and the exhibition organiser which requires the exhibitor to use the electrical contracting services of the organiser, or other member of its group, or of any other particular person or persons. The order will make it unlawful to make or carry out such agreements and will require existing agreements to be terminated by a specified date. There will be an exception where the person or persons whose electrical contracting services the exhibitor is required to use have been selected by a competitive process as offering the lowest scheduled prices whilst meeting any objectively justifiable safety standards which the exhibition organiser may specify.
8. The order will make it unlawful for an organiser which is connected with a hall owner to require exhibitors, as a condition of the supply of any goods or services to the exhibitor, to use the electrical contracting services of the exhibition organiser, or other member of its group, or of any other particular person or persons. There will be an exception where the person or persons whose electrical contracting services the exhibitor is required to use have been selected by a competitive process as offering the lowest scheduled prices whilst meeting any objectively justifiable safety standards which the exhibition organiser may specify.
9. The order will provide that where an exhibition organiser requires exhibitors at an exhibition hall to use the electrical contracting services of a specified person, or one of a number of specified persons, then each such person will be required to notify his prices for those services in writing to the exhibitors before the exhibitors give orders for them.

Representations

10. If your interests are likely to be affected by the order, and you wish to make representations about it then you should do so in writing to Jim Law, Department of Trade and Industry, Room 549, Asbdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6RB. Your letter must say what your interest in the matter is and the grounds on which you wish to make representations. Your letter must be received before 14 October.

Charles Bridge, Assistant Secretary
Department of Trade and Industry 22 August 1994

LEGAL NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Of Albery Lazarus for the Residential Centre for Jewish Deaf Children
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at Charles Russell, Killowen House, Ravensdll Road, Cheltenham, or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference Number DGY-1.012.359-A/1 LAC-LDN.

INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
B&C PROPERTIES (NO1) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH on the 9th day of September 1994 at 10.35am for the purposes, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Any proxy to be used at the meeting must be lodged at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH not later than 12 noon on the business day before the meeting. A statement of claim must also be lodged.
NOTICE is also given that, for the purpose of voting, secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge a statement giving particulars of their security the date it was given, and the value at which they estimate it. A list of the names and addresses of the creditors of the above named company may be inspected at Kings House, 36/37 King Street, London EC2V 8BH between the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm on the business days preceding the meeting.
Dated 18th August 1994. P W Arkless secretary.

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I, JAMES MAGUIRE who has resided for the past six months at Connolly's Wine Bar, 20/22 London Road, Barking, Essex and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Restaurateur DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the Licensing Sessions for the Licensing Division of BARKING to be held at Barking Magistrates Court, East Street, Barking, Essex IG11 8EW on Tuesday the 6th day of September 1994 at 10.00a.m. in the forenoon for the grant to ME to sell by retail at the premises situate at 20-26 London Road, Barking, Essex in the said Licensing Division intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for the consumption ON the premises.
GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST 1994. JAMES MAGUIRE.

NOTICE UNDER THE TRUSTEE ACT 1925 s.27
Deed of Trust Dated 22 March 1991
Sender: Belgravia Property Trust Plc
Trustee Belgravia Property Trust Plc
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to s.27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that the Trustee proposes to distribute the remaining balance of the Trust Fund (as defined in the Deed of Trust mentioned above) on the expiry of the period of three months mentioned below and any person having a claim against the Trust Fund is hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claim to the Trustee c/o Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL within three months of the date of this notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution. At the expiry of the period mentioned above the Trustee will distribute the remaining balance of the Trust Fund having regard only to the claims of which it has notice at that time and shall not be liable in respect of such distribution to persons of whose claim it did not have notice.
Belgravia Property Trust Plc the Trustee. by:
AJ Barrell
Joint Administrative Receiver, Belgravia Property Trust Plc
AV Lomas
Joint Administrative Receiver, Belgravia Property Trust Plc
C Fry
Director, Belgravia Property Trust Plc
JA Higson
Director, Belgravia Property Trust Plc
MG Phillips
Director, Belgravia Property Trust Plc MG PHILLIPS agent fo the Trustee
22 August 1994

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I, JOHN MICHAEL NEILL now residing at 412A High Road, Wembley, Middlesex, having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of Assistant Bar Manager, and being a person interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at The Court House, Winchester Street, Acton, London W.3. on the 7th day of September 1994, for the provisional grant to me of a Justices' licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 60 Bilton Road, Perivale, Middlesex and to be known by the sign of MANNONS FREEHOUSE of which premises Iceberg Refrigeration Company Limited are the owners
DATED this 28th day of July 1994. Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD. Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

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CHANGE ON WEEK

[redacted]

US dollar
1.5485 (+0.0023)
German mark
2.3836 (-0.0226)
Exchange index
78.5 (-0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

[redacted]

FT 30 share
2496.8 (+27.6)
FT-SE 100
3191.4 (+49.1)
New York Dow Jones
3755.11 (-13.6)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
20512.70 (-151.13)

[redacted]

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.03
Austria Sch	17.78	16.28
Belgium Fr	52.40	48.00
Canada $	2.240	2.080
Cyprus CypE	0.765	0.715
Denmark Kr	10.07	9.27
Finland Mkk	8.48	7.79
France Fr	8.65	7.95
Germany Dm	2.54	2.33
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	12.67	11.67
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2535.00	2380.00
Japan Yen	167.50	150.50
Malta	0.611	0.556
Netherlds Gld	2.890	2.600
Norway Kr	11.09	10.29
Portugal Esc	258.00	237.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.45
Spain Pts	207.50	193.50
Sweden Kr	12.56	11.76
Switzerland Fr	2.15	1.97
Turkey Lira	REFER	46487.0
USA $	1.646	1.516

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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Answers from page 36

BABICHE

(a) Thongs or thread made of rawhide, sinew, etc., Canadian French, originally from the Algonquian: "No screws or nails are used at the joints, but babiche instead — rawhide thongs."

GOMPA

(b) A Tibetan temple or monastery, from the Tibetan *gön-pa*, Jäschke *dgön-pa* a solitary place, a hermitage: "Time enough to sort out the remaining stores and attend a service at the Gompa to which we had been specially bidden."

WUMP

(c) A dull thudding sound, as of a body landing heavily, also spelt *whump*, *to wump* is to make a bang or thump, to strike with a thud, echoic, *cf. bump*, *thump*; Galsworthy, *Escape*, 1926: "Still — up on the ladder and down with a wump — it hits 'em [sc. gentlemen] harder than it does the others."

ANGICO

(a) A Brazilian name applied to the gum etc. of the tropical South American tree *Piptadenia rigida*, which yields a hard durable timber, and an astringent bark and a gum both used medicinally, from the Portuguese name: "Piptadenia rigida yields Angico gum used like gum-arabic."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Mike Wilson, left, Sir Mark Weinberg, centre, and Lord Rothschild, the leaders of J Rothschild Assurance, which Lautro fined £100,000

Troubled life industry goes back to basics on pay

A shift from commission to regular salaries has left the life industry divided on its merit.

Robert Miller and **Liz Dolan** report

Reports of the imminent demise of the commission-only insurance salesman are premature. However, as more and more household names are reprimanded and fined for misconduct by the regulators, the industry is aware that it must act before public confidence is dented even further.

Last week, J Rothschild Assurance, the life company founded in 1991 by Lord Rothschild, Sir Mark Weinberg and other leading City investors, became the latest insurer to incur Lautro's wrath when it was fined £100,000, with £40,000 costs, for breaking the regulator's rules. Last month, Barclays Life, the life and pensions arm of Barclays Bank chaired by Ken Bignall, was publicly reprimanded by the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog, for contravening rules laid down in the Financial Services Act.

As part of the move to present the sector in a more palatable light, more and more life offices are moving towards paying their sales staff a basic salary. However, commission or bonus payments, will, in most cases, still be expected to make up about half of the wage packet if the bottom-line salary is to match current pay levels.

After its brush with the SIB, Barclays disclosed that it had started to move its 1,000-strong pensions and investments salesforce from commission-only remuneration to a combination of basic salary, bonus and commission. The average basic salary is likely to be in the region of £14,000 to £17,000.

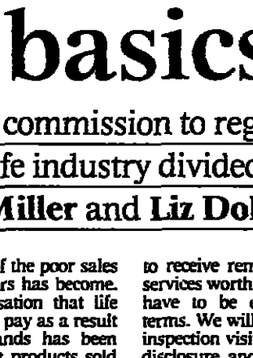
Sun Life is about to move its 240-strong direct sales force on to salary and commission, and Norwich Union announced last month that it had moved to a similar remuneration package.

Since maximum commission levels were scrapped in 1989, commissions paid to financial services salesmen have soared. Latest research by Lautro shows that for a 25-year endowment policy, commission deducted from the first year's premium averages 90 per cent. In other words, if an investor puts in £1,000 in the first year, only £100 is actually invested. In some cases, however, the figures could swallow up more than the first year's premiums. Anyone who cashes in a policy in the first five years is likely to get back considerably less than was put in.

The move away from a commission-only basis for paying sales staff has been driven by several factors. The flurry of high-profile fines imposed by Lautro has highlighted just how commission-driven much of the poor sales advice given to investors has become. Much of the compensation that life companies have had to pay as a result of the public reprimands has been because the investment products sold were the ones generating the highest commission, from the salesmen's point of view, while being the most unsuitable, from the investors' perspective.

There is also the review into pension mis-selling and pension transfers and opt-outs currently being conducted by the Securities and Investments Board. This is due to be published in October and is certain to heap more odium on certain sections of the pensions industry, which faces a possible compensation bill of up to £500 million as a result of mis-selling personal pensions. That mis-selling is widely believed to stem from commission incentives, and the need to sell policies or transfers to earn a living.

Another reason behind the industry switch is that, from next January, commission payments will have to be declared to investors. This will take the form of separating out what the salesman will receive for selling the product plus the value of the other types of support that the salesman is receiving from the life company. This could include medical insurance, telephones and product literature. Independent financial advisers will have to declare what commission they will earn.



Bignall: heads Barclays Life

Colin Hawtin, the chief policy officer at Lautro, says that the switch to a combined salary-and-commission structure, and away from pure commission, will not make any difference to disclosure. He said: "Remuneration, however it is made up, will have to be declared. What is more, our rules state that it will have to be done in a fair, clear, and not misleading manner. That means in a way that investors can understand. The disclosure form will say 'For arranging this policy, I expect to receive remuneration and support services worth . . .', and that figure will have to be expressed in monetary terms. We will be continuing with our inspection visits to make sure that the disclosure and other rules are being obeyed."

One life office able to stand back from the commission debate is Equitable Life. It does not pay commission. The company's staff receive an average salary of £20,000. This is topped up with bonus payments, and the average size of these bonuses is £28,000, bringing the average total remuneration for Equitable sales staff to £48,000. At that level, each of the company's sales representatives is generating new annual premium income of £3.6 million. Shaun Kinnis, Equitable's marketing director, said: "The current move away from pure commission payments is an attempt to present a more responsible face of the industry to the public. The danger for some companies is that if they pay salaries and the staff don't produce the sales, they could have a problem. There are already too many companies chasing too little business."

Equitable will also be providing training and computer systems back-up to Marks and Spencer's new life and pensions division, which is due to start trading in 1995. M&S sales staff will be paid a straight salary, with no bonuses or commissions. M&S said: "We have studied the market and looked at the sort of areas customers are worried about and we believe customers will be happier if staff are not incentivised in any way. The insurance industry has a substantial image problem and our reputation is on the line. We will also be monitoring the advice given very closely."

Two other companies currently recruiting sales staff will also pay salaries as well as commission. Scottish Widows, which aims to increase its staffing levels from 55 to 300 by the end of 1998, and Clerical Medical will both pay their staff basic salaries of £20,000. Newton Scott, of Scottish Widows, said: "You have got to pay staff a liveable wage. We believe that good agents can boost their salary package to £32,000 with bonuses. But, above all, we will be checking to see that staff are selling the right investments to the right people."

Clerical Medical's John Edwards believes that old-style commission-only sales people, who stay just a few months and depend heavily for business on family and friends no longer make commercial sense. Benefits for CM's sales force will include a company car, a mortgage subsidy and a pension scheme. Training takes at least 16 weeks, and much of it is classroom-based. All clients will be referred by the company. Those recruited so far include former teachers, surveyors, accountants and members of the armed forces, but "definitely no financial advisers from within the industry".

Mr Edwards sees nothing wrong with giving staff an incentive by paying a bonus on each product sold and denies that it will encourage over-enthusiastic sales pressure. "We are not a charity," he said. "We are here to sell. But the salary is enough to live on, and the bonus is not sufficient to tilt staff into mis-selling."

Not everyone, however, is embracing the move to salary-based sales staff. Allied Dunbar, one of the UK's top five life companies, is sticking to commission only for its existing sales staff, although it is offering the option of a combination for its newcomers.

Keith Baldwin, Allied Dunbar's managing director, said: "We wholeheartedly believe in commission and find it very odd that companies which have hitherto supported the idea are suddenly switching. It is entirely wrong to blame mis-selling on commission payments.

"The majority of the British industry is now moving to profit-related pay systems and that is really what commissions are. We spend £8.5 million a year on staff training and that is what really counts."

The debate on commission-only versus other means of remuneration for sales forces will undoubtedly continue. Investors, however, have already made clear in increasing numbers that, rather than being wrong-footed into buying an unsuitable investment from a greedy salesman, they will not do anything at all. That would be a shame.

Lift our political sights beyond this endless debate on income tax



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

August seems an odd choice for taxation to be the flavour of the month. Perhaps it is yet another unforeseen little piece of gloom spreading from that apparently sensible decision to have a pre-Christmas tax and spending Budget. Certainly, politicians of all parties are thinking and talking about a subject that should not intrude into the relaxed season of buckets and spades.

From Tory backbenchers and from the City, calls are resurfacing for "tax cuts". These immediately followed the latest Budget deficit figures, which suggested that the year's outturn might be nearer £32 billion, rather than the latest Treasury estimate of £36 billion or the November figure of £38 billion.

Such anxiety for the Government to behave according to its own publicity are likely to be repeated every time there is a glimmer of hope on the public finances. No matter if, even projecting short-term underspending, the Budget is unlikely to creep into balance before 1997-98 and long-term interest rates are being pushed uncomfortably high meanwhile. No matter if, nearer at hand, the talk of tax cuts comes when a further large VAT impost on fuel is in the pipeline for 1995-96.

From Gordon Brown, Labour's shadow Chancellor, come a string of further episodes in the "fair taxation" saga. Last week's focused on taxing the share options of wealthy business folk as benefit in kind, supposedly closing a £200 million loophole. It is part of a saga about how vastly increased sums can be raised from the rich and undeserving, and any beneficiaries of privatisation, without necessarily raising tax rates.

As again became clear in Mr Brown's television interview on BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* yesterday, this is a matter of keeping the party's powder dry so that the implications of "fair taxation" do not come out any earlier than necessary. Meanwhile, Mr Brown was happy to give the impression that lower earners would pay less tax under Labour.

No such reticence from the Liberal Democrats. Last week, they followed up Paddy Ashdown's flirtation with earmarked taxes. This notion seemed to strike a chord with voters in opinion polls before the 1992 election — if not in election results — in the form of a penny on income tax to expand education. In the event, the Liberal Democrats' Malcolm Bruce has stood back from the idea of wholesale "hypothecation", sticking in the main to the sensible idea of turning employees' National Insurance contributions into a straight tax to finance basic state pensions. Even that would require abolishing the income ceiling on employees' contributions if the sums are to come anywhere near adding up.

The theme remains that people would be prepared to pay more tax if they knew that a specific extra tax was to be spent on popular causes. As *The Times* reveals this morning, the party would, however, give little choice in the matter to those on higher incomes. With the Liberal Democrats, taxes on income at 60 per cent would be on the way back, as Labour proffered to its own cost in 1992, and is still likely to do again by the next election.

So the tax debate is hotting up. It is, however, still a narrow and low-quality debate. The common feature in all parties is the accent on income tax. Yet income tax accounts for only a quarter of the total tax burden. Even if you throw in employees' National Insurance contributions, we are still talking about less than a third of the Government's total tax revenue. The debate on income tax neatly encapsulates the endless political debate on fairness versus freedom, or the state versus the individual, or even the rich versus the poor. But this is not the serious debate about public spending and taxation that the country needs — or at least it is only a narrow aspect of that debate.

> The first issue should be how to shift the total tax burden down

There are really three issues. First, how to get the total tax burden down? If the books were balanced, total taxes would be approaching 40 per cent of national income and all three parties accept that that is too high. Second, what level of taxation should we be aiming at — 30 per cent, 35 per cent? That is really an argument about private versus public services. Third, how should the tax burden be spread? The shift to indirect taxes on spending has tended to make the tax system less progressive. There has also been a huge rise in taxes on business and, worst of all, on business costs. About £40 billion, nearly a sixth of all this year's taxes, will be levied on business costs via employers' National Insurance contributions and the uniform business rate.

These three issues are bound to be entwined. The tax burden has crept up because the base load of unemployment and poverty has risen. Even when the economy is booming, the social security budget will be booming too, even if pensions and child benefit are excluded, as these more-or-less universal transfers should be. Yet it is already becoming clear that the economy cannot be allowed to boom because the rate of investment is too low to sustain it without rapid overheating.

If the total tax burden is to fall, therefore, unemployment and disguised unemployment have to be tackled as a separate issue. It does not take a genius to work out that removing tax on labour would increase the demand for labour at any given level of wages and in any given state of the economy. One of the main reasons the official unemployment tally is falling is that there has been an upsurge in self-employment.

Much of that is probably involuntary. The tax disincentives to self-employment are still high. Ministers should be lobbying Brussels to raise the VAT threshold and they should not be imposing business rates on small business premises when the proprietor lives over the shop.

Income tax is something of an irrelevance in the drive to get the tax burden down. The [illegible] debate is also at a primitive stage. Everyone claims they are spending, or will spend, more on the National Health Service. But how much? Currently we spend about 6¾ per cent of gross national product on the NHS and personal social services. What should the target be?

Even the Liberal Democrats' penny for education really begged that broader issue: should the state be spending 4 per cent of GDP on education through taxation, or more, or less? How to share out the pain should not be the issue that wins or loses elections.

Interest rates must rise to boost Clarke's credibility

The case for an early rise in base rates remains strong. Preferably, it should come just after the September 7 meeting between Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George. Although the latest inflation and wages data have been encouragingly low, capacity utilisation is high enough to imply rising inflation ahead, unless growth slows. While the latest unemployment number showed a smaller fall than recently, alternative labour indicators such as overtime and vacancies suggest continued momentum.

Other signals of real activity are also mixed, strengthening bank lending, for example, contrasting with sluggish non-food retailing. A strong, credible monetary authority could perhaps afford to wait a few months before responding to data like these. But the UK has a brand new way of making monetary policy, completely untested in a rising interest rate environment. Eddie George has a strong interest in establishing credibility by acting sooner rather than later. Less obviously, so does Kenneth Clarke, since a credible monetary policy regime will help the Government by (for example) making sterling less vulnerable at a time when German monetary easing is ending while Fed tightening continues.

Meanwhile, the international environment is increasingly one where fiscal probity is at a premium. The collapse in bond prices and exchange rates in Sweden and Italy relative to Germany reflects not just a stark contrast in debt/deficit numbers, but also a deeper sense of what the electorate in each country is prepared to inflict upon itself.

German voters, by swinging their allegiance behind Chancellor Kohl, even as he promises them higher taxes and spending cuts before October's election, are demonstrating an impressive willingness to take pain. Italian voters, who elected Berlusconi's government on a platform of ending the austerity imposed by its predecessor, have shown just the opposite. So have voters in Sweden, by signalling in the polls their support for the Social Democrats in next month's election (although that party is now moving to a tighter policy, responding to market turmoil).

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The UK's recent fiscal record looks respectable, with the largest discretionary tightening in the G7 this year and next combining with good economic growth to bring the PSBR down rapidly. The problem lies ahead. Further fiscal austerity does not look the way for either party to win the next election. The Chancellor may have headed off the backbench calls for tax cuts that surfaced earlier in the summer, but he has not ruled them out completely, and indeed the recent undershooting of the PSBR may reawaken those calls.

Meanwhile, Tony Blair has jumped on the tax cut bandwagon, raising the possibility of a 15p basic rate financed by ending mortgage and pensions relief. The arithmetic on this idea worked well half a decade ago, but the value of those reliefs has since been eroded and they would now finance only just over half the tax cuts. And anyway, the history of such tax reforms (eg under Reagan in the US) suggests that special-interest exemptions undermine the arithmetic still further — first-time buyers, for example, would probably keep their mortgage relief.

The conclusion is that almost whatever Mr Clarke does, the UK's fiscal probity is going to be under question, in a hostile international environment, perhaps right through to the next election. Credibility of monetary policy is all the more vital in this situation, and the best way to boost it is to make a pre-emptive rise in base rates, very soon. By slowing demand growth down to the rate of capacity increase, this rise in rates should prolong the recent excellent inflation performance, so there should be no need for the prices of longer gilts to react adversely.

GILES KEATING
CS First Boston

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Feet first in New Orleans

THE prospect of winning a case of Laphroaig whisky has inspired Andrew Turner, news editor on rock station Atlantic 252, who writes: "I was recently on a working trip to New Orleans, where we were presenting the breakfast show as a live outside broadcast. I had been warned to steer clear of street-corner shoeshine boys or I would be ripped off. Walking down Bourbon Street, I was stopped by a man who told me his name was Martin and that I needed a shoeshine. I explained I didn't, but he was adamant. He then told me he was prepared to make me a special offer. No matter where I came from, whatever country or city, he could tell me where I got my shoes. If he was right I must pay him $15, if wrong, I would get a free shoe shine. How could he possibly know I got my shoes in Chelmsford just by looking at them, I thought, and accepted the challenge. Martin looked down at my shoes, up again, and down again before saying: 'Hey, man, I know where you got your shoes. You got your shoes on your feet. That'll be fifteen bucks.'"

Budding Bulgars

IN a novel twist to the usual approach taken by international aid organisations, an Oxford charity is encouraging budding entrepeneurs in Bulgaria to help themselves. More than 100 loans of $500-$3,000 have been made in the past 18 months by the Nachala Foundation, a local spin-off of Opportunity, an international charitable organisation. What is more, no one has yet defaulted on a repayment — not bad, considering the often chaotic state in which many former Iron Curtain countries find themselves. "The area has enormous potential," says Will Day, the newly appointed director of Opportunity (UK). "The idea is to create jobs to enable people to pay for hospital treatment and food themselves, rather than just lending money for welfare purposes." Similar ventures may follow in Northern Romania, Macedonia and Croatia.

Heady stuff

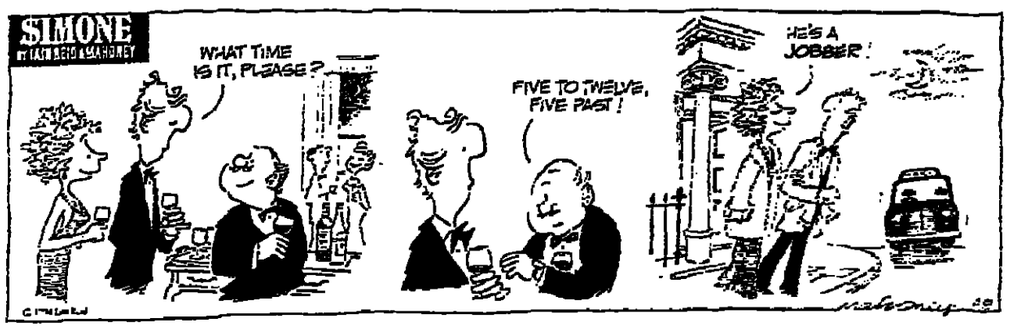
LAWYERS, headhunters and management consultants top the list of professional advisers in terms of satisfaction they provide, a survey has found. Accountants trail behind in sixth place, after outplacement specialists and recruitment agencies. Actuaries don't even rate a mention, let alone journalists. Rundle Brownswood, a search and selection firm based in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, further claims that headhunters are used more widely than many of us would suspect. But then they would say that, wouldn't they? "It comes as a welcome surprise that headhunters are listed among the most widely used and respected professional advisers," says Alan Rundle, chairman. He notes that the focus of recruitment has shifted from financial and personnel executives, to middle-managers in fields such as operations, marketing and sales.

Projectionists

BUDDING film makers take note: Chris Parkinson and Clifford Davis, the colourful pair who found the money for *Leon The Pig Farmer* and *Staggered* through their work with Gouldens, the City law firm, are giving a free lecture on film financing at the Edinburgh Film Festival on Thursday. Details from Ginny Atkinson on (031) 228 4051.

SIGN of the times at Lloyds Bank? Performers at a carnival in Arundel, West Sussex, on Saturday will include the local Lloyds Bank manager, who is due to appear as a jester. Last year he went as Robin Hood.

JON ASHWORTH



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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (18547)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (63813822)
9.05 Commonwealth Games Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. Featuring gymnastics, bowls and badminton (s). Includes at **10.00 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (82367025)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (2052667) **11.05 Cagney and Lacey.** Chris and Mary Beth have a disagreement over using a young informant to help to nail a drug dealer preying on schoolchildren (r). (Ceefax) (3272025) **11.50 Popeye** in *Spree Lunch* (r) (5001754)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7014648)

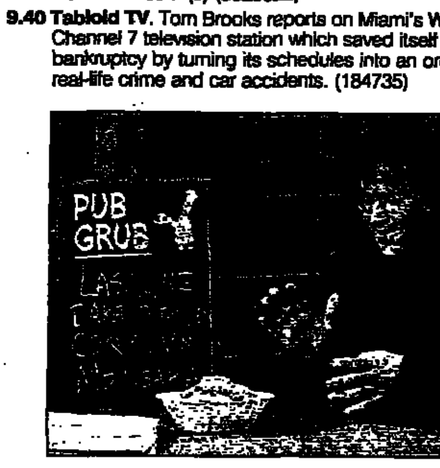


Studd, Dutta, Langley hit the road (12.05pm)

12.05 NEW **Big Day Out.** Bob Langley, Victoria Studd and Mo Dutta begin a cultural tour of Britain at Moreton-in-Marsh in the Cotswolds (s) (2590174)
12.55 Regional News and weather (25095174)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (88862) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (41940261)
1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly introduces the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (41951377) **2.15 Knots Landing.** Drama spin-off from the *Dallas* saga (s) (3739613)
3.05 Burke's Backyard. Australian horticulturist Don Burke looks at the gardens and lifestyles of his fellow countrymen (4653880) **3.30 Movie Magic.** A look at clips from films that have been shot in miniature (1560716)
3.55 Warner Bros Double Bill. *Dangerous Dan McFoo* and *Day at the Zoo* (r) (1416209) **4.10 Bananaman** (r) (1849349) **4.15 McGee and Me** (r) (9376209) **4.35 Conan the Adventurer** (7468919)
5.00 Newsround (3716754) **5.10 The Lowdown.** A look at the countrywide project involving 40,000 schoolchildren and 16 professional orchestras (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9586984)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (221358)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (377)
6.30 Regional news magazines (629)
7.00 Commonwealth Games Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. Includes the first athletics heats and the latest swimming news (s) (5367)
7.30 The Big Country Quest. Nick Owen presents the quiz in which "townies" tackle traditional rural skills (s) (613)
8.00 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (9025)
8.30 All Night Long. Comedy series set in an all-night bakery. Starring Keith Barron, Maureen Beattie and Dinah Sheridan. (Ceefax) (s) (8532)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8700)
9.30 Panorama: A Culture of Murder. Steve Bradshaw reports on the UN's attempts to persuade Rwandan refugees to return to their country. (Ceefax) (906822)
10.10 Commonwealth Games Grandstand. Further live coverage from the fourth day of the games in Canada (60064938) **2.30am approx Weather** (1902656)

BBC2

6.20 Open University (8045629)
7.30 Commonwealth Games Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider. Five swimming finals plus boxing news and a preview of the athletics programme which starts later today (s) (73052377)
9.05 Hangar 17. Young people's entertainment (r). (Ceefax) (s) (4169990)
9.30 Growing Up Wild. Birds that can flap their wings but cannot fly (r) (s) (78532) **10.00 Anytime Tales.** The first of a new series of children's stories (2102025) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (6401280) **10.30 Get Your Own Back** (r) (s) (1980006) **10.45 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (4018826)
10.55 FILM: Marjorie Morningstar. Starring Gene Kelly
1.00 Portraits from On High. A look at the harsh life of Louisa Allamand, a retired woman farmer living in the mountains of the Haute-Savoie. In French with English subtitles (s) (71248735) **1.20 Greenclaws** (r) (90641629) **1.35 Wildlife on Two**
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (with further bulletins at 3.00 and 3.50) (22303648)
2.05 Arena: Smashing Pigs. 2.30 Voices from the Past. 3.05 Natural World
4.00 FILM: Happy Breed. Directed by David Lean **5.45 Voices from the Doll's House. 6.00 Perpetual Motion**
6.30 FILM: High Mountain Rangers (1987) starring Robert Conrad, Christian Conrad and Shane Conrad. Thriller about a squad of mountain rangers searching for a vicious prisoner (Ceefax) (57498)
8.00 On the Line: Testing the Testers. The last in the series investigates how reliable are the findings of drug tests on athletes (7667)
8.30 Commonwealth Games Grandstand featuring the 110m hurdles semi-finals and the men's and women's 400m (s) (9328822)
9.40 Tabloid TV. Tom Brooks reports on Miami's WSVN Channel 7 television station which saved itself from bankruptcy by turning its schedules into an orgy of real-life crime and car accidents. (184735)



Danny Baker reveals his pet hates (10.00pm)

10.00 Room 101. (Ceefax) (s) (69342)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (137025)
11.15 Edinburgh Nights. Emma Freud with news from the Festival. Includes Ute Lemper's one-woman show, Scottish painter William Gilles, Jack Klaff and singer/songwriter Dick Gaughan (s) (645754)
11.55 Weather (442464)
12.00 Modern Art. Art historian T.J. Clark and art critic Michael Fried discuss the meaning of Jackson Pollock's work (65435). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE



Vitali Vitaliev stops off at Chernobyl (C4, 9.00pm)

Travels with My Camera: The Train to Freedom
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A moving programme in the unconventional series of travel films sees journalist Vitali Vitaliev returning to his hometown in Ukraine. It is in some ways a nightmarish journey. When he left Ukraine it was part of the Soviet Union. Now it is free, but Vitaliev does not see freedom in the faces of his former friends and colleagues. Alec, once a nuclear physicist, is drinking too much now that his institute is closed. Tolik, a linguist like Vitaliev, is running a small shop and having to pay protection money to criminals who are exploiting the country's chaos. Ironically the disaster zone of Chernobyl has become a hard currency earner for Ukraine and Vitaliev takes a bizarre guided tour round the still contaminated zone.

What My Mother Told Me
Channel 4, 10.55pm

Shown as part of the *Out of the Blue* season, this is Frances-Anne Solomon's accomplished adaptation of her own short story about Jessie, a young woman who returns to Trinidad for her father's funeral. Although Jessie cannot remember anything about her childhood, she has grown up with the idea that her mother abandoned her, leaving her to be brought up by her father. When she receives a surprise phone call from a woman claiming to be her mother, she begins a voyage of self-discovery that will radically change her views of her family. The two central figures, Adjoa Andoh as Jessie and Leonie Forbes as her mother, Catherine, are ideally cast and there are some powerful scenes, particularly when Jessie finds herself adopting her father's rhetoric to combat her mother's unpalatable revelations.

Room 101
BBC2, 10.00pm

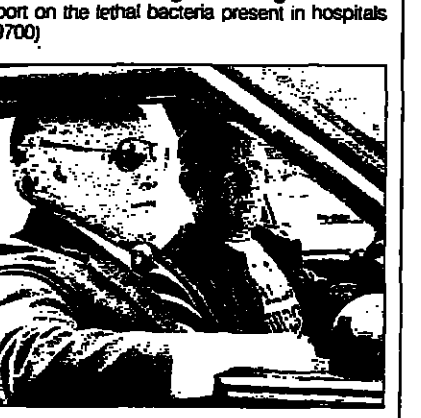
This variable series goes out on a high note as Nick Hancock quizzes Danny Baker on his pet hates to be banished to Room 101. Although Baker's dislikes sound dull on paper – pub food, Euro Disney, the television show *Casualty* and so on – the programme is actually very funny. Particularly enjoyable is Baker's home video of his family queueing up in the wind and rain at Euro Disney for a parade which ended up being cancelled anyway, but there are more laughs when he lays into "the lousiest television show I ever made", a breezy consumer programme called *The Bottom Line*. It offended him by "pretending to care about the viewers".

The Vision Thing
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The soft-spoken former Talking Heads man David Byrne makes an unusual contribution to this series about people with vision. In an interview with Sheena McDonald he admits that to him "music and culture in general ... are as essential as eating or sleeping". For Byrne, the rhythms of rock offer an escape into a different world, establishing "an alternative time, a time outside of clock time". When he watches his young daughter dance and spin to music until she is dizzy, he feels she is enjoying "a kind of altered state". Byrne's record label Luaka Bop is concentrating on world music, which to him represents music at its most liberated. **Stephanie Billen**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (33667) **9.25 C.O.P.S.** (4176280) **9.50 The New Adventures of He-Man** (5082358)
10.20 News headlines (9727716) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9726087)
10.30 FILM: The Chairman (1969) starring Gregory Peck, Anne Heywood and Alan Dobie. Espionage drama directed by J. Lee Thompson (56309483)
12.20 London Today (Teletext) and weather (7003532)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3049280)
12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (3951071) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (16450803)
1.55 Dilly Down Town. Dilly Braimoh trawls London for souvenirs of the world's cultures (r) (s) (72474358)
2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (73194938) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (9730280)
3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (1488280) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1487551)
3.30 Tots TV (r) (s) (1491990) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (2167193) **3.50 Cartoon** featuring Porky Pig (2163377) **4.00 Scooby Doo** (5164938) **4.25 Transylvania Pet Shop** (s) (9278613) **4.50 Johnny Ball Reveals All** about spirals. (Teletext) (3028990)
5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (3662551)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (657822)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (299990)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (445)
6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (975)
7.00 Laugh with the Carry Ons (s) (5445)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (209)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Game show (4193)
8.30 World in Action: The Bugs That Drugs Can't Kill. A report on the lethal bacteria present in hospitals (s) (9700)



Close encounter for Patinkin, Caan (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Alien Nation (1988) starring James Caan, Mandy Patinkin and Terence Stamp. Science-fiction drama set at a time when aliens have settled on Earth and are tolerated by humans. When a Los Angeles policeman is murdered by an alien his partner reluctantly turns to a "newcomer" in order to track down the killer. Directed by Graham Baker Continues after the news. (Teletext) (s) (6261)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (69396) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (694445)
10.40 FILM: Alien Nation continued (491735)
11.20 Sport in Question presented by Jimmy Greaves and Ian St John. The guests are Steve Ovett, Geoff Boycott and Ken Jones (s) (759396)
12.20am The Little Picture Show (1727472)
1.20 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (8955781)
2.20 Endsleigh League Football Extra. The best of the action from the weekend games (6426755)
3.05 On the Live Side. Blues from John Lee Hooker, Nick Gravenites and Flora Purim (93558304)
3.30 Sport AM. Boxing and motor racing (42323)
4.30 Videofashion. New York collections (64675)
5.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (36304)
5.30 ITN Morning News (33168). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The California Raisin Show (r) (4244822)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (98445)
9.00 Pugwall Teenage comedy drama (r) (46445) **9.30 Wish Kid** (r) (5097280)
9.55 Saved by the Bell (r) (Teletext) (5909071) **10.25 Dog City** (r) (3278071)
10.50 Raiders of the South Seas (r) (5829984) **11.20 Terrytoons.** Cartoon (7339716) **11.45 Super Mario World** (r) (3523377)
12.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w) (66209)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (13822)
1.30 Katie and Orbie. Adventures of a little girl and her alien friend (73087)
2.00 FILM: The Road To Hong Kong (1962, b/w) starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Joan Collins. The final *Road* film finds the two heroes doing battle with a master criminal (Robert Morley). With cameos from Dorothy Lamour, Frank Sinatra, Peter Sellers and David Niven. Directed by Melvin Frank (101754)
3.40 Gordon Bennett. A comedy short made by the New Zealand Film Commission (1419396)
3.55 Garden Club. The team visits Cheltenham (r) (Teletext) (8025822)
4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (822)
5.00 Fear of Falling. An *Equinox* documentary on the fast-growing sport of rock climbing (r) (Teletext) (s) (2358)
6.00 Babylon 5. Award-winning American science-fiction adventure series. (Teletext) (s) (372193)
6.50 Mighty Mouse Cartoon (436754)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (669071)
7.50 The Slot. Viewer access series (929209)



David Byrne revels in world music (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **The Vision Thing.** (Teletext) (2735)
8.30 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a south London barber's shop (r). (Teletext) (s) (8342)
9.00 CHOICE **Travels With My Camera: The Train To Freedom** (Teletext) (4803)
10.00 Northern Exposure. Off-beat American comedy series set in a remote Alaskan community (511803)
10.55 CHOICE **Out of the Blue: What My Mother Told Me** (s) (6800358)
12.00 Body. Thriller about a burglar who breaks into a mortuary only to discover that she is not alone. Starring Cathy Tyson (s) (9919168)
12.20am Public Enemy, Private Friends A comedy directed by Danny Thompson about three brothers searching for a lost ticket to a pop concert (s) (8304859)
12.40 Up in the Clouds. The humorous tale of a couple on a journey north. Starring Zoe Brown and Stan Nelson (s) (4092033)
12.55 Lupus. The story of Anna, from Surrey, and her passionate affair with an artist living in Poland in which their shared fantasy about wolves threatens to consume them (s) (6049014)
1.45 Poor Man's Orange. Episode three of the four-part sequel to the Australian/Irish drama *Harp in the South* (r) (9216507). Ends at **2.40**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. *All this week 1FM is featuring a guide on how to find a college place after A-levels. A free helpline is open until Friday from 10am-6pm (noon-10pm Sunday) on 0500-505050* **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Kevin Greening **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** 1FM Roadshow **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Claire Sturgess **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Lee and Herring **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Lorraine Kelly **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Voices. Ethel Waters **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl **7.15** Commonwealth Games Report **8.35** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** The Monday Match: Nottingham Forest v Manchester Utd **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** Other Side of Midnight **2.00** Up All Night at the Commonwealth Games

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Frühmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** World News **7.10** British News **7.15** The Learning World **7.30** Through the Barricades **8.00** World News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **8.30** Media Magnates **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Mothers and Daughters **10.30** The Learning World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Through the Barricades **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Alexander Borodin **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Brain of Britain **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Rainbow **3.45** Mind Matters **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** Rock Salad **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack. Hit List **1.00** World News **1.10** British News **1.15** A Jolly Good Show **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Brain of Britain **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Humphrey Burton's Life of Leonard Bernstein **8.00** Evening Concert: Music by Debussy to celebrate his birthday. Prélude à l'après midi d'un faune. Suite bergamasque; Danse sacrée et danse profane; Rapsodie. String Quartet. Nocturnes **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-5.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Gary King **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** N.J. Williams **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 10.30 Bananas in Pyjamas (9163975) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5917193) **11.00** Ox Tales (5184938) **11.25** The New Adventures of Black Beauty (5187025) **11.55** The Munsters Today (1260735) **1.55** A Country Practice (41945716) **2.20** Gardening Time (73188919) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9730280) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3662551) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (999919) **11.20** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (759396) **12.20am** Pop Profile (8315965) **12.35** MacGyver (4910236) **1.30** Sport AM (8295014) **2.25** The Beat (1783897) **3.20** Country Show (93560149) **3.50** On the Live Side (90965651) **4.15** Jobfinder (3408743) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (36304)

CENTRAL

As London except: 10.30 Bananas in Pyjamas (9163975) **10.35** James Bond Junior (5917193) **11.00** Ox Tales (5184938) **11.25** The Munsters Today (7330445) **11.50** Deepwater Haven (9335396) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7003532) **1.55** A Country Practice (41945716) **2.20** Fashion File (73188919) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9730280) **3.25-3.30** Central News (1487551) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (3662551) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (999919) **11.20-12.20pm** Street Legal (759396) **4.30am** Jobfinder (1298052) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6935859)

HTV WEST

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Dennis the Menace (56309483) **1.55-3.20** Ali Baba and the Seven Saracens (4538174) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (3662551) **5.55** Home and Away (147342) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (999919) **11.20** NYJO and the Giants of Jazz (759396) **12.35** MacGyver (4910236) **1.30** Sport AM (8295014) **2.25** The Beat (1783897) **3.20** Country Show (93560149) **3.50** On the Live Side (90965651) **4.15** Jobfinder (3408743) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (999919) **11.20-12.20pm** Colliers Out Of Cardiff (759396)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 10.30 The Mouse and His Child (6081667) **11.50-12.20** Doing It Up (9335396) **1.55** A Country Practice (41945716) **2.20** Cooking at the Academy (73188919) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9730280) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3662551) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (445) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (975) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (694445) **11.20-12.20pm** Murder, She Wrote (759396) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (36304)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 10.30-12.20 Dennis (56309483) **12.25-12.30** Lookaround (7011551) **1.55** A Country Practice (41945716) **2.20-2.45** An Invitation to Remember (73195667) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3662551) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (826984) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (975) **11.20** Prisoner Cell Block H (722290) **12.15am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (64694) **12.45** Spartacus and the Ten Gladiators

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 The Young Doctors (72474358) **2.25-2.55** Gardening Time (73178990) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3662551) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (84193) **11.20** Surf Crazy (272385) **11.50** IndyCar 94 (201919) **12.35** MacGyver (4910236) **1.30** Sport AM (8295014) **2.25** The Beat (1783897) **3.20** Country Show (93560149) **3.50** On the Live Side (90965651) **4.15** Jobfinder (3408743) **5.00-5.30** America's Top Ten (36304)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 10.25 Calendar News (9726087) **10.30** Dennis (56309483) **12.20pm-12.30** Calendar / Network North (7003532) **1.55** A Country Practice (41945716) **2.20** An Invitation to Remember the Entertainers (73195667) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (2896938) **3.25-3.30** Calendar / Network North (1487551) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (3662551) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (826984) **6.30-7.00** Local Heroes (975) **10.30-10.40** Calender News and Weather (694445) **11.20** Prisoner Cell Block H (722290) **12.15am** Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (64694) **12.45** Spartacus and the Ten Gladiators (229491) **2.30** The New Music (47878) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (1577830) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (2228588)

S4C

Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (98445) **9.00** Gymau'r Gymanwlad 1994 (46445) **9.30** Wish Kid (90700) **10.00** Saved By The Bell (62532) **10.30** Dog City (42629) **11.00** Raiders Of The South Seas (4174) **11.30** Terrytoons (1258990) **11.50** The Adventures Of The Super Mario Brothers (5094464) **12.00pm** Opening Shot (88209) **12.30** Sesame Street (13822) **1.30** Blossom (73067) **2.00** The Private Lives Of Elizabeth and Essex (3174) **4.00** The Adventures Of An Asterisk (7580700) **4.10** The Oprah Winfrey Show (8945280) **5.00** Batman (6551) **5.30** Countdown (174) **6.00** Newyddion (574613) **6.20** Heno (809342) **7.00** Jacpot (3087) **7.30** Yr Etifeddiaeth Wyllt (551) **8.00** Sibrwd Ysbrydion (2735) **8.30** Newyddion (8342) **9.00** Taro Naw (4938) **9.30** Fraser (87280) **10.00** Northern Exposure (511803) **10.55** The Valour and The Horror (73921006)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Social Sciences: Assignment 103 - **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Verdi (Overture, Nabucco); **7.15** *Keyboard Compendium*: Bach (Little Preludes Nos 1-3, BWV 933-935); **7.30** Debussy (Première rapsodie); **8.05** Rimsky-Korsakov (Dubinushka); **8.10** Schumann (Theme and Variations on the name "Abegg", Op 1); **8.35** Bach (Oboe Concerto in F, BWV 1053)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Franz Liszt
10.00 Musical Encounters: De Fesch (Concerto in B flat, Op 10 No 2); **10.10** *Composer of the Week*: Liszt (Reminiscences of Don Juan); **10.35** *Artist of the Week*: Anner Bylsma, cello, plays Bach (Cello Suite No 1 in G, BWV 1007); Kozeluch (Sonata in F, Op 38 No 3); **11.10** Haydn (Symphony No 97 in C); **11.35** Mozart, arr Grieg (Sonata in C, after K545)
12.00 In Repertory: Thomas Hampson discusses the roles of Guglielmo and Don Alfonso in Mozart's Così fan tutte
1.00pm Manchester International Cello Festival 1994: George Crumb (Sonata Solo: Yo-Yo Ma); Michio Mamiya (Japanese Folk Songs: Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi, with Ian Brown, piano); David Baker (Impressions, finale: Tsuyoshi Tsutsumi and Janos Starker); Barber (Sonata, Op 6: Ralph Kirshbaum)
2.00 Gorecki and Lutoslawski: Carol Wincenc, flute, David Wilson-Johnson, bass; BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier perform Lutoslawski (Concerto for Orchestra); Gorecki (Concerto-Cantata; Beatus Vir)
3.25 Marenzio: Giovanne donna, 6th Book a 6, 1595
3.45 Louis Vierne: David Sanger plays works by Vierne on the organ at Hereford Cathedral
4.30 The Trail-Blazer: The work of composer George Russell
5.00 The Music Machine: The Sampling Sessions. Pop producer Eliot Kennedy and musicologist Ron Woodley reconstruct and explain the music of composers Steve Reich and Philip Glass using studio technology
5.15 In Tune: Vivaldi (Concerto in G minor, RV577); **6.20** Mozart (Harmoniemusik, from the Abduction from the Seraglio); **6.49** Ruter (Five Childhood Lyrics); **7.20** Tchaikovsky (Entr'acte and Waltz, Act 2, Eugene Onegin)
7.30 BBC Proms 1994: Live from the Albert Hall London, Eileen Hulse, soprano, and the BBC National Orchestra of Wales under David Atherton perform Walton (Overture, Portsmouth Point); John Tavener (In Alium); Britten (Four Sea Interludes, Peter Grimes). **8.15** Stravinsky and Roerich. How the Russian designer and painter Nicholas Roerich influenced Stravinsky's Rite of Spring (r). **8.35** Mussorgsky, orch Shostakovich (Prelude, Khovanshchina); Lyadov (Kikimora); Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring). See Choice
9.45 Latin Loves: The Wife of My Friend, written and narrated by Frederic Raphael (r)
10.10 Purcell Quartet performs works by Corelli (r)
10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics: Roger Cushman with a personal view of musicals
11.30-12.30am Music Restored: Church music from medieval Yorkshire

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day, with Jonathan Fryer
8.40 A Pride of Relations, by Richard Charles Awdry. The story of a family of English eccentrics, abridged in five parts and read by Tenniel Evans **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Soapbox, introduced by David Mellor. Last in the series
10.00-10.30 News; Worldly Wise (FM only): Peter Hobday chairs the panel game about the origins of words
10.00 Daily Service (LW only), from Armagh
10.15 Children's Radio 4 (LW only): Granny, by Anthony Horowitz. Read by James Fleet (1/5)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only from 11.00): The writer Fidelis Morgan talks to Jenni Murray about her passion for women in the theatre, and her first novel. Serial: *The Great Elephant Chase*, by Gillian Cross. Incl **11.00 News**
11.00-7.00pm Test Match Special (LW only): The fifth and final day's play in the third Test between England and South Africa at the Oval
11.30 Inside Money (FM only): Pyramid selling, or network marketing (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours (FM), with John Howard
12.25pm Brain of Britain (FM only): Robert Robinson quizzes finalists Jeremy Cotton, biologist; Pat Parkin-Moore, state registered nurse; Ian Wynn-MacKenzie, wine shop assistant; and Ross Ewart, schoolteacher **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (FM only) (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; A Slice of Life (FM only), by Robert East. With Brenda Bruce and Denis Lill (r)
3.00 Anderson Country (FM only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope (FM only): Natalie Wheen talks to the composer Nigel Osborne about his opera based on life in Sarajevo, and reviews two novels about South Africa
4.45 Short Story (FM only) The Stag at Bay, by Patrick O'Brien. Read by Sean Barrett
5.00 PM (FM only), with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News (FM only)
6.30 The News Quiz (FM only) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Daughters of Independence: Liz Moloney talks to Bomi Ogedengbe, an Oxford-educated doctor who lives and works in Lagos (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Pirates Are Coming. See Choice
9.15 The Miles Kington Interview: Celebrities from the past talk about their lives. This week, Bonnie Prince Charlie, played by Simon Cadell
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Janet Cohen
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Herodotus. The Histories Read by John Tusa (1/5)
11.00 No Illusions: Francine Stock chairs the second of five late-night discussions
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

The Monday Play: The Pirates Are Coming. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Several times during David Morgan's play about an unorthodox brother-sister relationship, I feared it was going to take the easy way out. Would that tired old beast, incest, be dragged out of the cupboard and pressed into service yet again? You will not thank me for saying anything that might spoil your enjoyment of *The Pirates Are Coming*, so let me confine my comments to saying that Morgan's play fairly crackles with electricity and that the cast, headed by Sylvestra LeTouzel and Sean Murray as the siblings, never let the static throw them off balance. That is quite a feat.

BBC Proms 1994. *Radio 3, 7.30pm.*
The length and depth of their applause reliably measure the Promenaders' enthusiasm. Another way is to get them to put pen to paper and register their vote in a special "play it again" ballot. Which is how John Tavener's *In Alium* got an early repeat performance after its Prom debut in 1968. David Atherton conducted that premiere, and he is again on the rostrum when the work is played tonight. The orchestra is the BBC National Orchestra of Wales. **Peter Davalle**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (53292377) **8.45** Cartoons (6576280) **9.30** Card Sharks (21848) **10.00** Concentration (13280) **10.30** Love at First Sight (91919) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (48464) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (72241) **12.30pm** E Street (25464) **1.00** Falcon Crest (20919) **2.00** Hart to Hart (21209) **3.00** Another World (5564464) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (2081209) **5.00** Star Trek The Next Generation (3006) **6.00** Summer with the Simpsons (9919) **6.30** Blockbusters (5311) **7.00** E Street (4735) **7.30** M*A*S*H (2483) **8.00** Melrose Place (58716) **9.00** The She-Wolf of London (61280) **10.00** Star Trek The Next Generation (71667) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (906377) **11.45** V (727071) **12.45am** Barney Miller (12255) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (19168)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise Europe (2519984) **9.30** Roving Report (8610613) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (4022483) **11.00** News and Business (710629) **1.30pm** CBS Morning News (25700) **2.30** The Book Show (9680990) **3.10** 60 Minutes (4429803) **4.00** News and Business Report (39193) **5.00** Live at Five (192174) **7.30** Special Report (71174) **9.30** Talkback (89919) **11.30** CBS Evening News (10938) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (28491) **1.30** Special Report (82491) **2.30** Travel Destinations (52897) **3.30** Talkback (24014) **4.30** CBS Evening News (25694) **5.30-6.00** ABC World News Tonight (66410)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (4196415)
10.00 Rio Shannon: As 6pm (29280)
12.00 The Princess and the Goblin (1992): Cartoon (22984)
2.00pm The Great Bank Robbery (1969) Spoof western with Zero Mostel (22964)
4.00 The Mirror Crack'd (1980) Agatha Christie star-laden whodunit (8938)
6.00 Rio Shannon (1992): Blair Brown seeks solace in New Mexico (75483)
8.00 Ordeal in the Arctic (1993): Survival drama with Richard Chamberlain (74700)
10.00 Midnight Heat (1993) Trendy thriller with Michael Pare, Dennis Hopper (942367)
11.35 Bitter Moon (1992): Psychological drama, with Hugh Grant (90173938)
1.55am The Man Who Loved Women (1983): Comedy about a gigolo. With Burt Reynolds and Kim Basinger (102526)
3.45 Tales from the Darkside: The Movie (1990). Three horror yarns (72584656) Ends at **5.15**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Carmen Jones (1954) Oscar Hammerstein musical with Dorothy Dandridge, Harry Belafonte (37261)
8.00 The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972) Lee Van Cleef and Stefanie Powers in a fourth outing for the intrepid heroes (49006)
10.00 Eye of the Needle (1981): Romantic wartime spy drama with Donald Sutherland and Kate Nelligan (26071) Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Felix The Cat — The Movie (1990) Animated adventure (64735)
8.00 Alice in Wonderland As 5.45pm (78803)
9.00 The Canterville Ghost: As 6.40pm (53445)
10.00 Tower of London (1962). Horror history with Vincent Price (27822)
12.00 My Gun is Quick (1957) A Mike Hammer murder mystery (26754)
2.00pm Final Verdict (1991). Dramatisation of the life of the flamboyant 1920s defence lawyer, Earl Rogers (845984)
3.40 Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942): Biopic of the composer George M Cohan. With James Cagney and Joan Leslie (49397071)
5.45 Alice in Wonderland (1988): Cartoon version of Lewis Carroll's fairy-tale (651087)
6.40 The Canterville Ghost A ghost ejects a family from his stately home (147629)
7.30 UK Top Ten (5193)
8.00 Iron Maze (1991): Complex murder mystery with Bridget Fonda (72342)
10.00 Light Sleeper (1991): Bleak drama about a 40-year-old drugs delivery boy. With Willem Dafoe and Susan Sarandon (400174)
11.50 Steel Justice (1992). A cop avenges his son's death with a 45ft steel dinosaur (585938)
1.20am Wild Texas Wind (1991) A singer's career is halted by her manager's murder With Dolly Parton and Gary Busey (738965)
2.55 Two-Fisted Tales (1991): Three action stories from directors Richard Donner, Tom Holland and Robert Zemeckis (488014)
4.30 Final Verdict. As 2pm (11491). Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am ATP Tennis Magazine: Guy Forget (92209) **7.30** One to One: Celebrity interviews (71716) **8.00** Watersports World (38209) **9.00** World Sport Special (19782) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (30483) **10.00** The Big League: Featherstone Rovers v Wigan (27919) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (91006) **12.30pm** Ford Super Sunday: Leicester City v Newcastle (42396) **2.30** One to One (87261) **3.30** Watersports World (94342) **4.30** Windsurfing Tour (9984) **5.00** WWF Mania (7464) **6.00** Soccer News (369358) **6.15** Sky Sports Classics (284613) **6.30** Fishing the West (4629) **7.00** Live Monday Night Football, live: Nottingham Forest v Manchester United (4504236) **11.00** Soccer News (779993) **11.15** Fishing the West (851822) **11.45** Classics (325321) **12.00-2.00am** Monday Night Football (84030)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (93984) **8.00** Eurofun (23377) **9.00** Athletics. IAAF Meeting from Cologne (99261) **10.00** Touring Car (95396) **11.00** Indycar (75532) **12.00** Motorcycling: Czech Grand Prix (15174) **1.00pm** Tennis: Volvo International (65613) **3.00** Tennis: Canadian Open (55071) **4.30** Indycar (47667) **5.30** Motorcycling: Czech Grand Prix (20464) **6.30** Eurosport News (2025) **7.00** Speedworld (94613) **9.00** Boxing (16754) **10.00** Football (13613) **11.00** Eurogolf Magazine: English Open (96025) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (29615)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (7116342) **7.30** Neighbours (7208377) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7888342) **8.30** EastEnders (7887613) **9.00** The Bill (7974193) **9.30** One by One (6125445) **10.30** The Duchess of Duke Street (56123754) **11.35** The Sullivans (57916803) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7961629) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6767377) **1.00** EastEnders (7115613) **1.30** The Bill (6766648) **2.00** George and Mildred (7377716) **2.30** Man About the House (3596667) **3.00** Knots Landing (3942822) **4.00** Dynasty (3938629) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4465445) **5.40** The Goodies (6292667) **5.55** Sykes (1477261) **6.30** EastEnders (3588648) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (1021716) **8.00** One Man's Meat (7380280) **8.30** Men About the House (7376087) **9.00** Tenko (1947700) **10.00** The Bill (7962358) **10.30** Scotch 'n' Wry (7971006) **11.00** Thunderbirds (7298990) **12.00** Dr Who (8199762) **12.30am** Call Me Mister (14630385) **1.35** Candid Camera (33315255) **2.05** Shopping (1275217)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am It's Droibee Time (43795) **7.00** Spiff and Hercules (6560551) **7.15** Pastagums (6443532) **7.30** Casper and Friends (91613) **8.00** Pingu (7447938) **8.05** Head to Head in 3D (7420261) **8.15** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (2010984) **8.30** Beverly Hills Teens (31648) **9.00** Bobby's World (7881358) **9.25** Around the World in 80 Seconds (9101613) **10.00** Twins of Destiny (55377) **10.30** Radio Detectives (48984) **11.00** Chuckle Club (89759) **11.30** All Change (19218) **12.00** Hour of Power (35464) **12.30pm** Ironman (52629) **1.00** Guitars and Roses (84377) **1.30** Swan's Crossing (71700) **2.00** Barney and Friends (6377) **2.30** Mysterious Cities of Gold (4648) **3.00** Garfield and Friends (2984) **3.30** Head to Head in 3D (8200025) **3.40** Summer Crunch (6401445) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (1984)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Pondles (28822) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (89261) **8.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (88532) **9.00** Doug (19764) **9.30** Clarissa Explains It All (39025) **10.00** Rocko/Garbage Pail Kids (53822) **10.30** Denver the Last Dinosaur (80416) **11.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (86071) **11.30** Smoggies (87700) **12.00** Nick Faves (99648) **12.30pm** Muppet Show (36613) **1.00** Alvin and the Chipmunks (82822) **1.30** Chroma Zone (67700) **2.30** Visionaries (3990) **3.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (4754) **3.30** You Choose (5735) **4.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1342) **4.30** Doug (3754) **5.00** Chroma Zone (5006) **6.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1919) **6.30-7.00** Roundhouse (2071)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Australia Wild (3578261) **4.30** Living with Violent Earth (3574445) **5.00** A Fork in the Road (7398938) **5.30** Terra X (1498396) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (7346919) **7.00** The New Explorers (7379174) **7.30** For Real (3575174) **8.00** Wildside (1038006) **9.00** Disappearing World (1945342) **10.00** Adventure (1028629) **11.00-12.00** Elite Fighting Forces (7296532)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Who Was Maddox? (1964) Executive rivalry at a publishers leads to blackmail and murder (69033193) **1.05pm** Short (12571416) **1.30** The Mothers-in-Law (6751716) **2.00** The Avengers (2649903) **3.00** My Three Sons (7381919) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (3586280) **4.00** FILM: Master of the World (1961). Fantasy drama with Vincent Price (7385735) **6.00** Hogan's Heroes (3582464) **6.30** Cannon (7692603) **7.30** The Invisible Man (3499700) **8.00** The Avengers (1025532) **9.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (3952209) **9.30** FILM: Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars (1982): Musical documentary with David Bowie (6725349) **11.30-12.00** The Rat Patrol (2644358)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (4695648) **7.00** Living Magazine Highlights (3243025) **8.00** Days of Our Lives (8061377) **8.55** Masterchef (2257990) **9.25** Mr Motivator's Mornings (1203498) **9.30** Now You See It (7399342) **10.00** Trivia Trap (5621218) **10.30** Crosswits (8319254) **11.00** Definition (4170396) **11.30** The Young and the Restless (1439629) **12.30pm** Everyday Yoga (23483822) **12.45** Best of Kilroy (7620025) **1.30** On the House (7472629) **2.00** Agony Hour (4271777) **3.00** Living Magazine (9551396) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (81351358) **4.00** Infatuation (7123261) **4.30** Definition (7129445) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (4962025) **5.30** Madhur Jaffrey's Far Eastern Cookery (7143025) **6.00** FILM: The Winds of Jarrah (1963) Drama about a young English governess in 1946 Australia (3681700) **7.30** Fame, Fortune and Romance (7120174) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (7104174) **9.00** FILM: Stop at Nothing (1990) A woman loses custody of her daughter to her husband, a child abuser. With Veronica Hamel (20673551) **10.50** Enjoy! (7594984) **11.00** Infatuation (4162377) **11.30-12.00** Housecalls (8770782)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm The Wonder Years (7629) **5.30** Danger Bay (8464) **6.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (5377) **6.30** Family Catchphrase (6629) **7.00** All Clued Up (1303) **7.30** All Together Now (2613) **8.00** Bordertown (3613) **8.30** The Mighty Jungle (5648) **9.00** Neon Rider (58700) **10.00** The Pyramid Game (36193) **10.30** Newhart (49613) **11.00** Lou Grant (94754) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (43656)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wild Side (278878) **8.00** VJ Ingo (865667) **11.00** Soul (82919) **12.00** Greatest Hits (66822) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (656822) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8293735) **3.45** At the Movies (8281990) **4.00** News (3040532) **4.15** 3 From 1 (3063483) **4.30** Dial MTV (3342) **5.00** Hit List UK (25087) **7.00** Greatest Hits (34174) **8.00** Unplugged with Lenny Kravitz (42822) **9.00** Live! (15551) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (67551) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (662358) **10.15** At the Movies (587613) **10.30** News at Night (410445) **10.45** 3 From 1 (335700) **11.00** Hit List UK (73445) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (52014) **2.00** Night Videos (1789255)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (22071) **7.00** Asian Morning (68464) **8.00** Hindi News (29803) **8.30** Urdu News (3284822) **8.45** English News (3289377) **9.00** Serial: Chand Grehan (57209) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (507377) **1.00pm** Serial: Sona Chandi (71803) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Tyaag (3253423) **4.30** Kiddie Time (1938) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (6990) **7.00** BBCD (6735) **7.30** New Serial (4483) **8.00** English News (468435) **8.15** Hindi FILM (89526777) **11.15** New Serial (205025) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (9135878) **1.35** Sight and Sound (23688946)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Conjugal Rites
7.00pm It Started with a Kiss (1959). Marital comedy with Glenn Ford and Deborah Kerr (13301532)
8.55 Boys' Night Out (1962): James Garner in erring husbands comedy (83052716)
11.00 Vacation from Marriage (1945) Oscar-winning story about a couple separated by war. With Robert Donat (95215071)
12.45am Grounds for Marriage (1950) Romantic comedy with Van Johnson and Kathryn Grayson (91594168)
2.25 Four Wives (1939) The lives and loves of four sisters in a small town. With Priscilla Lane (18691061) Ends at **5.00**

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Monks faces attack from left wing

BY ROSS TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Monks, general-secretary of the Trades Union Congress, is preparing to face down a left-wing challenge from unions angry at his drive to turn the TUC into a lobby group rather than a political force.

The agenda for the TUC's annual conference in Blackpool in two weeks' time contains a series of motions calling for the repeal of 15 years of Conservative employment legislation by an incoming Labour government.

TUC traditionalists are also calling for a national minimum wage of £4 an hour and are preparing an attack on Mr Monks for inviting David Hunt, then Secretary of State for Employment, to address the TUC conference on full employment earlier this year.

The challengers are expected to include RMT, the rail union, the National Union of Mineworkers, and the National Union of Journalists.

But insiders say that Mr Monks, backed by big moderate unions such as Unison, the AEEU, and the T&G, remains determined to maintain his cross-party campaigning on employment issues.

Hearkening the pledge from Tony Blair, Labour's new leader, that there would be no special place for the unions under a Labour government, Mr Monks is resisting all pressure to seek a political role.

Mr Blair will travel to Blackpool to join the TUC General Council for their social dinner on Tuesday evening, in accordance with Labour movement traditions. However, he has no plans to speak or to attend debates.

Mr Monks is expected to tell the conference that the unions cannot wait for a Labour government to address workplace issues such as pensions protection and safety at work.

Instead, the new-look TUC will step up its campaign to put full employment on the agenda of every political party.

The conduct of congress will also reflect Mr Monks's modernising influence. For the first time, congress will abandon its traditional format to hold two open debates.

The first will allow the 800 delegates to review proposals from a working party led by Bill Morris, the T&G chief, on a bill of workplace rights.

The second will tackle a controversial report from Bernadette Hillon, of USDAW, the shop-workers' union, suggesting that unions should collaborate with firms seeking to give employees more individual responsibility.

STEWART GOLDSTEIN



Patrick Murphy, left, the managing director of Fiesta Holdings, Sheffield, and Ted Barker, chairman, add puff to the company's efforts to complete a contract from Walt Disney for 1.5 million balloons. They will be set free at Longleat Park on Saturday to break the world record balloon release, as Disney's promotes the distribution of *Aladdin* on video. BOC has an order for 1,700 gas cylinders to inflate the balloons

ICI ready to lead bid for coal power stations

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND MARTIN WALLER

ATTEMPTS to save the remaining British coal industry are intensifying with efforts to limit the inroads of gas and nuclear-powered electricity.

Big industrial groups have emerged as potential owners of coal- and oil-fired stations that must be sold to new operators by February 1996. Big energy users such as ICI, Blue Circle, the cement maker, and BOC, the gases group, have bitterly criticised the sharp rise in prices they have faced since National Power and PowerGen were privatised in 1991. If big users buy coal-fired stations, these would be ensured of indefinite base-load working.

The divestment of 6,000 megawatts of plant owned by the two big generators was ordered by the industry regulator in February. But market sources suggest the generators are demanding fancy prices.

Meanwhile, British Coal will today claim that future investment in coal could be jeopardised if the Government caves in to special pleading by the nuclear industry. In submissions to the Government's Nuclear Review, it says coal-burning power stations are likely to remain more cost-effective than nuclear plants for the foreseeable future, and urges the Government to stand by its faith in the ability of market forces to safeguard Britain's energy supplies.

"Any new nuclear investment should be judged on the free market basis applied to coal in the Government's 1993 White Paper *The Prospects for Coal*," the corporation says. ICI indicated last night that it is interested in acquiring power stations in the North West to supply its Runcorn chlorine plant. The chemicals producer already takes 300mw a year for its Teesside operation from the Enron power plant in the North East, although it does not have an equity stake in that venture.

While Runcorn's power needs run into the hundreds of megawatts and equal those of the city of Liverpool, the size of the stations that are likely to be sold suggests the need for a consortium with other big energy users in the area, such as Pilkington, the St Helens glassmaker. BOC, also seen as a potential partner, refused to comment on its plans.

The free market clarion call from British Coal, which has already seen its markets shrink owing to special favours accorded to nuclear power, may strike a chord with Tim Eggar, the energy minister. Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear have both conceded that a new nuclear plant would not be viable unless government intervenes to guarantee sales.

Nuclear Electric, which earlier claimed that a new giant atomic power station at Sizewell in Suffolk, Sizewell C, would be economically viable, now says it could produce power at between 2.9p kWh and 3.7p kWh. British Coal argues that, on more conservative assumptions, this could be 5p or even 6p a unit.

Without exception, Britain's private sector power companies have chosen to build gas plants to replace old capacity. But new clean-coal burning plants, cheaper and quicker to build than atomic stations, could produce power at less than 3p kWh, making them a more attractive option should gas prices rise.

British Coal insists there are "no compelling reasons for the Government to back a new nuclear plant on grounds of diversity or security of supply or environmental considerations".

The proposed Sizewell C station could displace 9 million tonnes of coal a year, almost a third of coal's remaining market share. That would trigger further contraction of the industry, which the Government plans to offer for sale this autumn.

Chrysalis and Scala link will boost UK films

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SCALA Productions, successor to the collapsed Palace Films and maker of movies such as *Backbeat*, is negotiating with Chrysalis Group in a deal that would pump much-needed funds into the beleaguered British film industry.

Scala is owned by Nik Powell, a founder with Richard Branson of Virgin Group, and Steven Woolley, a film-maker. The two were also behind Palace, once the great white hope of British films, which collapsed into administration in 1992 after picking up a string of awards for movies such as *Mona Lisa*, *Scandal* and *The Company of Wolves*.

Talks with Chrysalis, which, after selling its music business to Thorn EMI, has increasingly concentrated on television and films, are expected to result in the purchase by Chrysalis of a 49 per cent stake in Scala.

No price is yet set on the deal, but it would appear to guarantee Scala's future financial stability. Mr Powell said: "We're in very serious discussions to sell a minority investment in Scala to Chrysalis, or at least for them to make an investment, which, if concluded, would, I think, be the beginning of a very good relationship, good for them and good for us."

Palace crashed, observers believe, because it spread its limited resources too thinly, taking in film production, distribution, video and TV. Mr Powell said of his latest venture: "This company will simply be involved in the production of feature films."

Backbeat, an account of the early days of the Beatles, was the first big production from Scala, based in London's Soho. The next big release, due in cinemas in the spring, is *Neon Bible*, a slice of Southern American Gothic from a novel by the cult author John Kennedy Toole.

Chrysalis has indicated that it wants to spend £4 million over the next three years in making British films. The company has half stakes in a clutch of independent production companies, including one run by John Goldstone, producer of the Monty Python films.

M-reg plates 'add 10% to car price'

BY LIZ DOLAN

M-REG mania forces motorists to pay through the nose for new cars. The Beaujolais Nouveau-style hype that is now an integral part of the August number plate switch adds 10 per cent to the purchase price, says Formula One, a motor industry research company set up by two former analysts of Birmingham stockbroker, Albert E Sharp.

"Scrapping the August car registration letter could lop £1,000 off the cost of a £10,000 family saloon," says Del Barrett, chief executive, in the first edition of *Motor Analyst*, the group's new industry journal, which is published today.

Ms Barrett says the rush to buy in August creates model shortages and puts the whole dealer network under an enormous strain. Piling on the financial agony for themselves and customers, manufacturers also shell out huge amounts on marketing and advertising at the time when they know they will be selling cars hand over fist, purely to retain market share.

"The plate change is a quaint British custom which we will all be sad to see go. But go it must for the motorist to claim the massive price cuts that are already in the system ready to be claimed."

The industry switched the end of the registration year from January to August in 1970 to boost sales in a quiet month. That year, fewer than one in ten new cars were sold in August. By the early 1980s, the proportion was 15 per cent of annual sales. Last year, it was 24 per cent. This year, it is bound to be higher.

Ms Barrett concedes there will always be a cut-off point, but says registration plates need not play a part. She favours a system whereby drivers each have their own number plates which they transfer to their next car.

□ *Motor Analyst costs £495 a year from Formula One (071 353 4212). Subscription only.*

Servisair prepares for City take-off

BY NEIL BENNETT



John Willis, right, and Tony McCann, chairman of Servisair

SERVISAIR, Europe's largest aircraft handling company, is getting ready for take-off, with a flotation that is expected to value it at about £50 million.

This is the second former subsidiary of British & Commonwealth, the collapsed financial services group, to come to the stock market this year.

Servisair operates at 26 airports in Britain and Europe, including Gatwick, Dublin and Rotterdam. It runs passenger check-in desks and aircraft and cargo handling services. The company's main customers are the large charter airlines, including Britannia and Air2000. The company was founded 40 years ago as part of B&C, and formed part of Bricom, the group's commercial services division, which was sold to a group of Swedish investors in 1990, shortly before B&C was placed into administration.

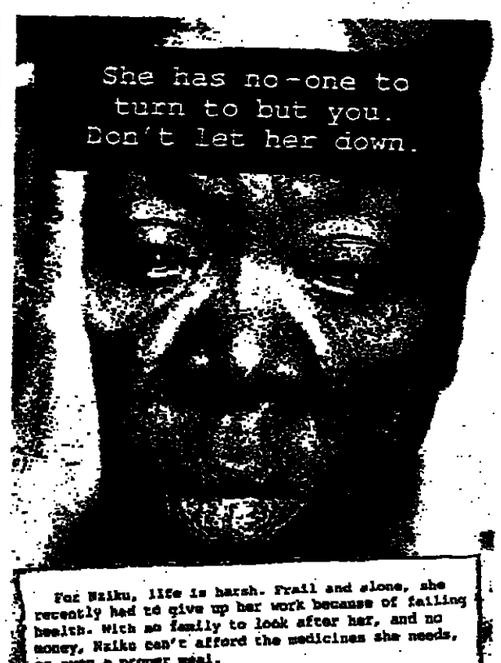
The Swedish investors ran into financial difficulties and the company was taken over by Nordbanken, before it too suffered heavy losses and had to be supported by the Swedish government.

Bricom is now owned by Securum, the asset management business set up by the Swedish government to take control of £5.6 billion of Nordbanken's impaired loans.

Servisair is profitable and made £3.6 million last year on a turnover of £89 million. It bought Ogden Aviation Services in March.

John Willis, Servisair's managing director, said: "A flotation will provide us with greater flexibility with which to grasp the considerable growth opportunities that exist in the UK and overseas."

The company is expected to produce a pathfinder prospectus in the next few weeks and launch its float in the autumn.



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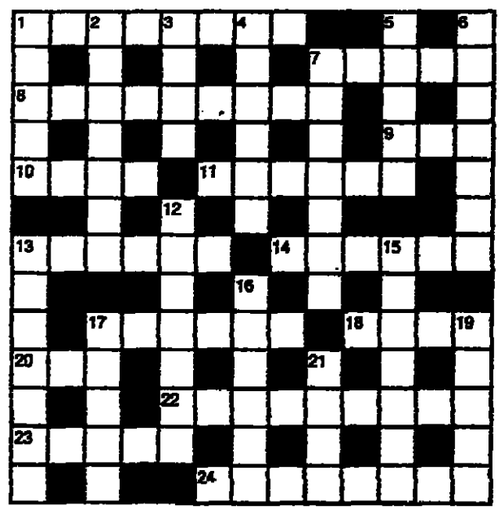
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 247

ACROSS

1 Ready skill (8)
7 Reprove (5)
8 Sociable and lively (9)
9 Progress on one leg (3)
10 Convey (goods) (4)
11 Horrified (6)
13 Ember; slag (6)
14 Cunning; discriminating (6)
17 Soft sound of voices (6)
18 Heap (4)
20 Twosome (3)
22 Verified (9)
23 Damp (5)
24 Pour the tea (2,6)

DOWN

1 Centre of attention (5)
2 Fitting (punishment) (7)
3 Lower back and side (4)
4 Sudden minor ache (6)
5 Curved indentation in shoreline (5)
6 Slow escape of liquid (7)
7 Improve (weather); solve (crime) (5,2)
12 Deflect path (of light-wave) (7)
13 Denounce (7)
15 Great success (7)
16 Shade of meaning (6)
17 Film (5)
19 Duck that fills pillows (5)
21 Money transfer system: benefit cheque (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 246

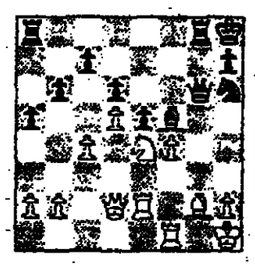
ACROSS: 1 Geisha 5 Cabman 8 Idol 9 For a song 10 Resound 11 Vinyl 13 Show the flag 16 Stiff 18 Organic 21 Lame duck 22 Maze 23 Sector 24 Nether

DOWN: 2 Endless 3 Salvo 4 Affinity 5 Cure 6 Bestial 7 Annoy 12 Bearskin 14 Offbeat 15 Grizzle 17 Trade 19 Admit 20 Ruin

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By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Morris - Ljoki, Germany 1994. Black has a powerful king-side attack which he now brought to a conclusion with a finely judged sequence of moves. How did he continue?



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By Philip Howard

BABICHE
a. Thongs
b. Pidgin English
c. Headscarf

GOMPA
a. Palm tree
b. A Tibetan temple
c. Men's hostel

WUMP
a. A prostitute
b. A posterior
c. Thud or thump

ANGICO
a. Gum
b. A Mexican language
c. A skylight

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